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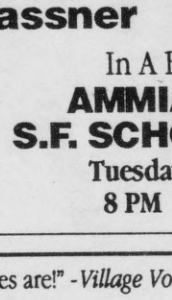
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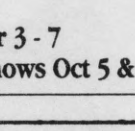

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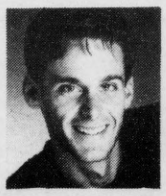


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LETTERS

Photos that Speak the Truth

I want to thank Meryl Olsen for her letter in last month's *San Francisco Bay Times* regarding your exploration and publication of my photographs of S.F. gay playwright Robert Chesley, a gay man living with AIDS.

Meryl, you ask some questions and I believe you deserve some answers.

I also had some reservations about the publication of Robert's photographs in the *S.F. Bay Times*. In the best of all worlds, I would say that my work on sexuality should be open to anyone who is old enough to seek it out. But considering the current political unreality that we are living, I choose to say that my work is adult work, meant for adults. I do not believe that people who do not want to see it, should be forced to view it without their permission.

But I felt that the circumstances surrounding the exhibition and the subsequent bad faith removal of my work from the walls of New College of California (at an exhibit to protest censorship and as an event to raise money for this battle) was important enough to violate my own rules.

My photographs of Robert Chesley came from a disappointment with what can be called AIDS imagery. I have seen AIDS presented from only two perspectives—glamorous images of people with AIDS peacefully and pleasantly going to their deaths, and nightmare pictures of diseased people with AIDS, dying horribly. I had never seen a photograph of anyone with AIDS & KS lesions which yet showed him/her as vibrant and alive. My friend Robert Chesley was and is still vibrant and alive. So I asked him to reveal himself and allow me to do some portraits of him with his lesions showing.

When we were done with the portraits he was energized and I suggested that we continue. To my surprise he pulled out a spandex superman outfit and started to dress. The sexuality of the situation was not intended, but happened, and so I photographed it.

These are radical revolutionary images daring to suggest that people with AIDS (whether men or women) still have the right to life, the right to feel good, the right to be sexual and alive. These images cross a borderline and explore territory that no one else ever has. It is very telling, Meryl, that you see these radical revolutionary images as "yet another excuse for one of the boys to expose his genitals now, then call it art, politics, whatever later."

All my life, people have attempted to disacknowledge me, disempower me, shame me and humiliate me for believing in the power, beauty and strength of sex and sexuality. But Meryl, even you cannot shame me or disempower me, by calling us "boys" and calling adult gay male sexuality "adolescent." (By the way, Meryl, do you call women "girls" and are women who focus on the beauty and power of sex also "adolescent"?) While you are right that there is so much in the world around us that focuses on sexual acts, there is so little in the world that deals with sex and sexuality, as it touches both the heart and the head.

I am not ashamed to be obsessed by the beauty of a hard dick or a juicy cunt. Those of us who are exploring gay and lesbian sexuality are caught in a limbo. Standard publications will not deal with our work because sexuality is too personal and too private and too controversial. But the porn industry won't deal with our work either because it is too heady and too arty. Meryl, condemning my work to *Blueboy,* is like condemning Tee Corrine's color photographs of rich, juicy and non-exploitative cunts to the pages of *Hustler* because they both expose women's genitals.

As far as "love (soul, heart, etc.)," why must sexuality be separated from how we love someone? Robert and I were friends (lovers if you call it that) in the past. We somehow through good times and bad have maintained a connection. There is great mutual respect and love. I was lost and powerless in regards to his AIDS diagnosis and seeing him go through physical changes. The visual sight of the KS was devastating. What greater love could I have for my friend, than to show him, not as glamorous and dying or nightmarish and dying, but as alive and vibrant? To show the community that it is possible to live with AIDS, even with substantial marking by KS lesions and still maintain a sense of self-love, humor and dignity? These images of Robert say more about my love and respect for him than anything I can think of.

Meryl, of course you don't have to agree. But I demand the space and right to explore being a radical faggot in San Francisco in the 1990s in the ways that touch my head and heart. I believe in sex and sexuality. I am not ashamed.

A side comment, a very special thank you to Tim Kingston and Kim Corsaro for having the guts to explore this issue in a very fair, straightforward and objective manner. Both Robert and I have received substantial feedback from the community in support of the photographs and the *S.F. Bay Times* article. New College of California was afraid of these photographs because they speak the truth. The images talk about life and living in a way that our culture is not ready to deal with yet.

Mark I. Chester
San Francisco

P.S. For those who find the word "cunt" offensive, my women friends taught me to use it and respect it as strong, powerful and erotic.

Performance Envy

Dear Ms Kaplan:

This is to compliment you on your critique "Performance Envy" which appeared in the *S.F. Bay Times* for September 1990.

It seems to me that most critics these days speak from their biases and prejudices without acknowledging the basis of their pronouncements. I am sure that some of them do not realize "where they're coming from." But you do—and that's refreshing and that's good. Thank you.

Joseph J. Dove
San Francisco

An Expression of Truth

Dear Rachel:

I am touched by the honesty and depth of understanding in your review of 100 Percent Concentrated Dance. It's a fine line between ego, justified pride, self-immolation?? and peace.

Your aesthetic is very wide and a precious gift in its broadness. You see much and feel deeply.

You give great service to those whose expression is validated by being seen/experienced. Your eyes and fingers provide another medium, expand the work and create the necessary contact.

It's marvelous to not give in to the scale of artistic self-measurement. When it's all said and done, who knows what impact will be the most profound.

As Rilke says "works of art are of an infinite loneliness and with nothing so little to be reached as with criticism. Only love can grasp and hold and be just toward them. Consider yourself and your feeling right every time with regard to every such argumentation, discussion or introduction, if you are wrong after all, the natural growth of your inner life will lead you slowly with time to other insights... Everything is gestation and bringing forth."

It seems to me an artist commits to a life of expressing truth. Your review revels in that richness. Warmly,

Jill Heromadko
San Francisco

Attacks On Israel

The Arab Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Network continues to attack Israel in every letter they write. Why not begin to look at your own people's tactics, the PLO. You keep talking about peace when your own militia continue terrorizing innocent civilians all over the world. When the PLO begins to do more than just *talk* peace, your letters may finally begin to make sense.

Jules Marion
Annette Byrne
San Francisco

Emulating Irgun

It's been a few months since Larry Kramer's letter was published, but the reaction to it goes on. Are Lesbians in Solidarity with the Palestinian People and the Arab Lesbian Gay and Bisexual Network being quite fair to Mr. Kramer? (see Letters, Sept. 1990) LISPP assumed he didn't know what he was writing about, and ALGBN seems willing to accept that. I'm not so sure.

The Irgun did bad things for a good cause. So does the PLO. So did the Viet Cong. So do most organizations involved in politics—including undoubtedly gay organizations. The controversy over outing certainly involves the issue of ends versus means. When Mr. Kramer proposed that AIDS activists regard the cause as good enough to justify emulating the Irgun, he may have meant just that.

Rebecca Ripley
Menlo Park

Using the "F-word"

To the gal who is appalled at seeing the "F-word" in the personals (Obscene Personals, *S.F. Bay Times,* September 1990), may I suggest that she simply skip over the F-word ad, she probably won't find a girlfriend there, and go on to other ads? For example in the September paper I see ads of several ladies who are opposed to all kinds of things, including one who flat-out says, "users of vices forget it." Name withheld in San Rafael should date these clean people and quit her whining about us girls who like to fuck and other dirty things. We have just as much right to love and sex as anyone else, and to speak our own language to find it.

Also, to the woman who doesn't want to see male genitals in the paper: turn the page, darling, just turn the page.

Debbie Mikuteit
Oakland

A Therapist, Not a Grandma

Thank you for running the Berkeley professional's "Free Market Therapy" (Letters, *S.F. Bay Times,* Sept. 1990) *after* the previous letter condemning lesbian therapists for charging going market rates. (Sept. 1990) After all this horse pucky I've been reading, I needed a little reality validation. As you will see, I am withholding my name as well because I am a, you guessed it: "Semi-Pseudo God-like Creature"; an elitist lesbian therapist.

As long as some of your readers are throwing "E" words around, let me fling one at them: Entitlement. That's what is at the base of the letters complaining about lesbian therapists' fees. The logic I'm getting here is that because I am a woman and a lesbian, I should be working for about one-fourth what my services are worth. I'm also supposed to accommodate every possible schedule, working days, nights and Saturdays, right? I "owe" this "community" that, am I right? You call that "feminism"!?

Becoming a licensed psychotherapist requires a minimum of eight years of college, graduate school and internships (usually unpaid). Then there are two rather grueling state exams to pass before one can practice privately. Once in practice, the psychotherapist carries many clinical, legal and ethical responsibilities which make the job more stressful and demanding than many people realize. Twenty cases is considered a "full caseload." Why? There's a lot more to doing therapy than sitting in a room with someone for 50 minutes nodding, smiling and saying "how do you feel about that?" The competent psychotherapist spends an average minimum of 2.5 hours per case a week on such things as case planning, charting, research on special issues, continued training, and professional consultation. We are as susceptible to lawsuits, subpoenas and rising malpractice insurance costs as any physician. To the community, I donate money to gay and lesbian social service organizations as well as consultation and training for their staffs. My full attention, compassion, knowledge and skill is what you, the client, are entitled to. I, by the same token, am entitled to be paid what I am worth.

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Acting Up Is Hard to Do

New Birth or Still Birth at the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power?

BY TIM KINGSTON

On Thursday, September 13, ACT UP San Francisco split in two, and ACT UP Golden Gate was born. The ostensible reason for the split was a dispute over what decision making process the organization would use. But ACT UP had been paralyzed for several weeks, divided between those who wanted the group to concentrate on treatment issues and those who argue for broader political coalition work around the AIDS epidemic.

"This group is dead in the water," declared an emotional Peter Altman at the September 13 meeting, just moments before the group ripped apart. ACT UP/SF, which requires a unanimous consensus to reach a decision, had been unable to build a consensus on any major topic for several weeks; it was at loggerheads internally over leasing an office and barely able to agree on planning demonstrations. What precipitated the split that night was an attempt to get the organization to adopt the use of an 80 percent "super-majority" vote as a tiebreaker if unanimous consensus was impossible. The compromise measure was blocked—e.g. vetoed—by a few individuals who viewed it as a back-door attempt to abandon consensus in favor of majority rule.

For many at that meeting the block was the final straw. "Anyone who wants to start a new ACT UP meet me outside!" exploded one activist at the meeting, storming out of the room. He was quickly and quietly joined by many others. When the dust settled, at least half of the 150 members at that night's meeting had left the organization. They gathered outside the Women's Building and, locked in animated, cigarette-punctuated discussions, discussed the formation of a new group—since christened ACT UP Golden Gate (ACT UP/GG).

The way things had been going, the split was bound to happen sooner or later. Although on the surface the dispute was about what form of decision-making process ACT UP would use, the issues run much, much deeper.

For those who walked out, the underlying issue was simple: make fighting AIDS—by finding treatments and getting access to treatments for the disease—the number one priority, rather than building a movement based around long-term structural issues of how racism and sexism and classism mediate the epidemic.

"Those who left the group do not accept that there is a long term for AIDS. AIDS must be solved *now*," emphasized Jesse Dobson, now an ACT UP Golden Gate member specializing in treatment issues. He says for those infected with the virus, HIV is a simple issue of life and death. "If we have to deal with racism and sexism and homophobia, we will not start moving forward until I am dead. Everyone who is infected will probably die of natural causes before that is solved. It is an absurd piece of nonsense."

Dobson is aware his single-mindedness will be branded as both racist and sexist, "and I am not proud of it, but I will not let my growth in those areas stop me fighting AIDS. I will not build a coalition on the dead bodies of my community!"

Hank Wilson, a veteran ACT UP/SF member now working with ACT UP/GG, says, "If we can get treatments released six months sooner, thousands of people will live longer... otherwise many of us will be reading about treatments that we know are effective, and we will die before we get treatments." Referring to the new group's adoption of majority rule, he said, "If we have opted for a process that is more efficient, it is because it is a race against the clock."



Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

ACT UP contingent in this year's Freedom Day parade.

"Finding a cure for AIDS will not stop the epidemic," retorts Deeg Gold, a disenchanted veteran of ACT UP/SF. She argues that concentrating on finding a cure ignores the social component of the epidemic: funding for PWA care, the INS immigration regulations, and other broader issues.

For Adele Morrison, a member of ACT UP/SF's Woman's and People of Color Caucus, it is precisely those long-term issues that drew her to the group in the first place. "Healthcare is an issue that crosses all my boundaries: people of color, gay and lesbian women, class... I see the whole AIDS issues and healthcare issues as affecting everyone." Morrison pointed out that similar debates are going on within ACT UP chapters around the country from Seattle to Chicago to New York.

Richard Jacobson, ACT UP/SF, says racism, sexism and homophobia are as integral to fighting AIDS as finding treatments. "If this was a disease that attacks straight white males, Reagan would have dealt with it, and it would not have been an issue that would have fallen into Bush's lap only to fall through his legs." For Jacobson, the issue is maintaining the group's adherence to the AIDS action pledge, a statement committing the organization to fighting for federal funding to end the epidemic, a national healthcare system, AIDS education, and ending AIDS discrimination.

For one powerful faction within the ACT UP/SF group, the issue is closer to home. The Women's and the People of Color Caucus argue sexism and racism are endemic in ACT UP, and that leaves them feeling like they have no voice in the group or are only grudgingly listened to. Gold asserts that framing the conflict in terms of a polarization between treatment and broad issues, "masks an unwillingness to deal with the sexism and the racism and the classism of the situation."

ACT UP/GG consists of almost the entire treatment issues and media committees from ACT UP/SF, plus a mass of enthusiastic treatment-oriented activists—primarily gay white men who joined the group after the 6th International AIDS Conference. ACT UP/SF retained a majority of the veteran members of the group, including most of the Women's, People of Color and People with Immune System Disorders (PISD) caucuses. (The more irreverent activists have already dubbed the two groups ACT UP Classic, for ACT UP/SF and ACT UP Lite, for ACT UP/GG. Be prepared for T-shirts.)

THE OVERBURDENED CAMEL AND ITS LAST STRAW

None of the tensions that split ACT UP/SF are, however, new. In fact, it was just such a difference in emphasis between ACT UP/SF and ACT UP New York that made the 6th International AIDS conference such a roaring success for ACT UP nationally. ACT UP/SF boycotted and dealt with protests outside, while ACT UP NY mainly handled the scientists inside.

Michelle Roland, a former member of the ACT UP/SF treatment issues committee now studying medicine at UC Davis, says that during the two years she was in the group "there (were) two main perspectives that members bring into ACT UP. One is a long-term gay and lesbian movement kind of revolutionary orientation which a lot of the older member of ACT UP bring with them, whereas a lot of the newer members come into ACT UP motivated...by a simple sense of urgency around AIDS."

"In my mind, the struggle is trying to strike a balance between short and long term goals, between what appears to be achievable and what needs to be achieved," says Roland, who stresses she is not familiar with the more recent controversies in the organization.

Why the split now? The delicate balance of power within ACT UP fell apart as the demographics of the group shifted from those with long-term (restructuring) goals to those with shorter-term (treatment) goals. ACT UP tripled in size this summer due to an influx of 200 new members inspired by the actions at the AIDS conference. The new members found themselves in the middle of an ongoing internal debate over the direction of ACT UP, and whether it should view itself as a large media-savvy publicity and political pressure group, with the attendant necessity for massive fundraising, or if it should remain a relatively small grassroots organization dedicated to consensus and broader-based political actions such as the Miller Boycott. "The new people in ACT UP acted like a catalyst for everything," says Bill Struzenberg, of ACT UP/GG. The mixture proved explosive.

Judith Cohen, one of the few women to join ACT UP/GG, says that like a majority of the new people she, "*just wanted to get on with it.* I did not join ACT UP to have a discussion with 20 women about our feelings about women who call themselves lesbians who sleep with men... That was a waste of time given that one person dies of AIDS every ten minutes. I don't have the time to basket weave when people are dying!"

Before the conference ACT UP had garnered new members gradually. They either grew to share the politics of the organization, embracing the consensus process, or they left. Kate Raphael, formerly a member of ACT UP/SF and still a member of the Women's Caucus, says, "You had a huge cohort of people who had not been through the history of the group and just wanted it to be the group they saw at the conference," a group in the streets, a group focusing on issues of access to the medical establishment and the development of and access to treatments.

Raphael says that women and people of color who already felt marginalized in ACT UP/SF became even more of a literal minority in the group. She says, however, that treatment advocates were unable to push the agenda their way because the "marginalized groups" were unwilling to give up the little bit of power that consensus gives them to block and prevent action.

Instead of leaving the group as had happened in the past, the new members stayed. "They fought back," says Bob Smith, an activist torn between the two ACT UPs, "and left only when it became absolutely clear that there was going to be no compromise by that faction that wanted to hold onto...control through the consensus process, through the block."

Michael Wright, now of ACT UP/GG, says when ACT UP was a small group of like-minded people consensus worked, "but when you have a group like ACT UP/SF that has grown to (over) 200 people with a diversity of ideology from revolutionary with a capital R, and republican with a capital R, you are not going to be able to reach consensus." Ultimately that meant deadlock, because ACT UP/SF had no further means of conflict resolution.

That is precisely what happened in late July over whether to open up an ACT UP office. At first the office was approved, although there were a large number of stand asides (e.g. nonblocking opposition), but then at the next meeting, Wilson says the process totally broke down. Moving into the office was blocked, moving out of the office was blocked by the other side, and breaking the lease was block-

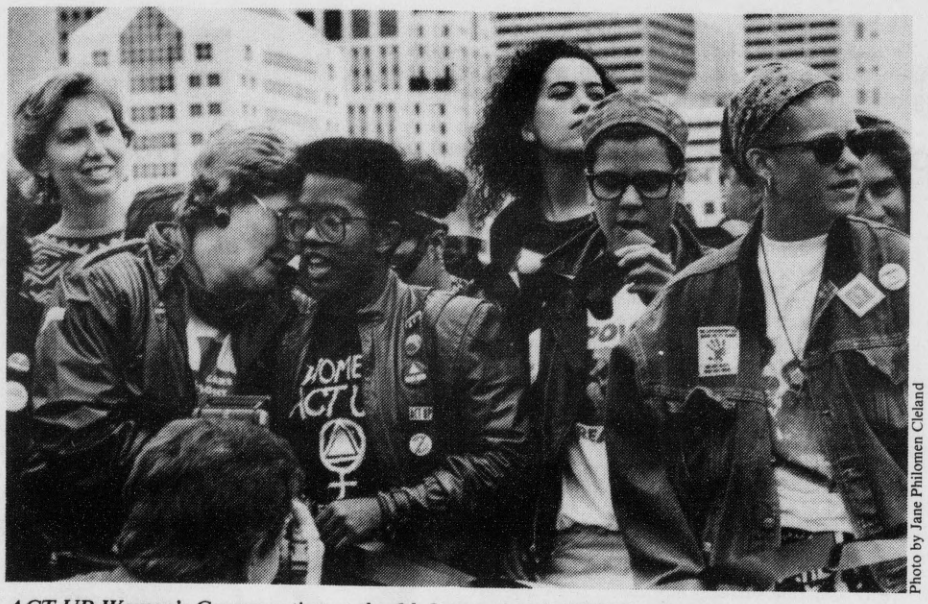


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ACT UP Women's Caucus action at the 6th International AIDS Conference

ed. ACT UP was left paying out a $4,000 deposit on an office they could not use. Experienced activists tore their hair out in frustration.

"The consensus process as it stands is an accident waiting to happen," opined ACT UP/SF member Bill Thorne, because a small group of determined individuals can bring any organization run by consensus to a screeching halt. Laura Thomas, ACT UP/SF Women's Caucus, acknowledges the process was abused, but says, "We can't get rid of the process just because a few people abused it."

Sean McShee, a member of the ACT UP/SF newsletter committee who supports consensus as a ideal, points out consensus was never fully adhered to in ACT UP/SF. "What we had done was to fetishize non-voting." And he warned, "the same people who can dominate a voting meeting can also dominate a non-voting meeting."

"I stopped attending general meetings about six months ago," says McShee. "I was finding it was bringing out my worst tendencies—hostile, sullen, and combative. If I wanted that I would have gone to law school and be making $100 K."

The frustration felt by Thorne and many others led them to advocate some sort of majority-vote system to break the process deadlock. But for many in ACT UP/SF, any compromise on consensus was anathema. Jacobson says he objects to majority voting because, "I fear tyranny of the majority; I know that the majority can be deeply wrong."

Raphael flatly denied that the growing level of hostility and frustration within the group was due to consensus. She says it was "about oppression pure and simple," the women and people of color were blocking and that was making the gay white men resentful. Gold says, "When you challenge white men on their privilege, they have a limited amount of patience."

The fundamental differences over direction and process made a split likely, if not inevitable. Thus, despite that fact that a large proportion of the ACT UP/SF members were willing accept the modified consensus with majority rule for a short time—while the group tried to work out something better—the implacable opposition of a few stalwart consensus supporters prevented it. G'Dali Braverman of ACT UP/GG, however, asserts the real split occurred months before September 13. "People were leaving constantly, and that was a silent split."

AGGRAVATION AND INACTION SILENCING THE GAY WHITE MALE?

ACT UP/GG is unified, unrepentant and enthusiastic. Braverman, one of the prime movers in the new group, says it will have three major foci: treatment issues and research priorities, in particular getting ddI and ddC approved; education and prevention, "with respect to early intervention clinics;" and finally "revolutionizing health care development."

ACT UP/GG is run on a two-thirds majority vote, a process quickly established at their charter meeting on September 17. They held their first action two days later, focusing on Bush's inaction on the Lasagna Report. Braverman says ACT UP/GG concentrates on treatment access with the goal of ensuring treatment for all: "If we as gay men had not attacked the FDA and the NIH, we would never have got to the point of seeing how they completely exclude people of color, women and injection drug users— but by having done that, the expose was begun." He asserts it would be "stupid and ignorant" to say sexism and homophobia and racism have not contributed to the epidemic, but he feels those issues must be addressed principally where they directly intersect with AIDS.

"Put very succinctly, we have to find a cure before we fight for access. The other people are coming from the other side; they want us to find access before a cure," says Struzenberg.

For many of the activists now in ACT UP/GG, the issues of growth and obtaining an office space were paramount. ACT UP/GG is already searching for a work space. "We need to move onto a new level of organizing. We need to be on top of the new information around the epidemic, and that necessitates an office," says Wilson. (He also noted that many of those who stayed with ACT UP/SF also wanted an office, but they stalled on the question of how it was to be adopted or afforded.)

Struzenberg says, "Some people thought of ACT UP/SF as better off as a grassroots organization that dealt with handlettered signs and buttons and T-shirts and no media, because, why play to the media when the only people you wanted to reach is the small group in your community," whereas he and the other ACT UP/GG folks want "nifty signs" that cost money, fundraising that costs money and, of course, an office costs money.

That difference delineated a power struggle over control of ACT UP/SF. Struzenberg snapped, "The women and the people of color and the PISD caucus were always in everybody's face that they were being marginalized and therefore should have supreme control over the organization."

Bob Smith, until recently generally supportive of those in ACT UP/SF that want to keep consensus, argued for the necessity of guaranteeing that people of color and women have a voice in the group, but he became gradually disillusioned. Sometime over the summer, Smith says something changed, and it seemed that not only did the oppressed groups have a voice, they began "to be the only valid voice *across the board.*"

Smith says what many others only hinted at. He argues that a group of lesbians in ACT UP/SF were not only "righteously" deman-

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Who's Hiding The Lasagna?

AIDS Activists Await Implementaion of Presidential FDA Reform Report

BY TIM KINGSTON

A placard held aloft during President Bush's raucous September 19 fundraiser for Pete Wilson said it all: "Did Bush eat the Lasagna report?" On August 22, the Lasagna Committee—a congressional committee that has been studying this country's AIDS and cancer drug-approval process—released the results of its 18-month investigation to a deafening silence from the Bush administration. "We want (George Bush) to address the Lasagna committee recommendations. Since the day they gave him the report, 843,000 Americans have died from cancer and AIDS. We are dying. We can't wait!" blasted Bill Struzenberg, ACT UP Golden Gate, at the Wilson protest.

The strongly worded Lasagna report recommends a dramatic overhaul of the FDA drug-approval process. "For cancer and AIDS patients, time is running out, and they are understandably impatient with delays in obtaining the pharmacotherapy which represents their only hope... Patients suffering from these diseases cannot afford the luxury of waiting for drug development and regulation to move as slowly as they normally do," reads the report.

"In the broad stroke, the Lasagna report validates everything that the AIDS activists have been fighting for since 1986. It makes the point precisely as we would have made them in most cases," says Martin Delaney, executive director of Project Inform.

"I can describe it in three words, *Fab-U-Lous*," grinned Jesse Dobson, of ACT UP-GG. "(The report) pegs a different level of risk for life-threatening illnesses, specifically AIDS and cancer." For Dobson, that means lowering safety and efficacy levels for drugs that show credible scientific promise so that PWAs and cancer patients can choose whether to use riskier experimental therapies instead of having the FDA make that choice for them.

Dobson says the report will also send twin messages to the drug industry. "It will produce drugs for those illnesses faster *and* it will attract the pharmaceutical industry towards drugs for life-threatening illnesses because they will be easier to get approved."

The report has been enthusiastically received by just about everyone but the FDA and some healthcare activists who are concerned that the pharmaceutical industry could use it as a battering ram to deregulate the entire industry. Dr. Louis Lasagna, Dean of the School of Graduate Biomedical Studies at Tufts Univeristy and committee chair, denies the allegation. "We have been talking about improving the efficiency of the regulatory process, and not lowering the standards.

"I am not so libertarian that I believe that any drug that surfaces anywhere, anyway, with a minimum efficacy needs to be released for AIDS," continued Dr. Lasagna. "I think there should be a modicum of efficacy and safety shown before (a drug) is released on expanded access."

Congressional representatives Nancy Pelosi and Barbara Boxer agree with the thrust of the report, and even the American Cancer Society (ACS) is pleased. Dr. Raymond Weisberg, a board member of the ACS, says, "There needs to be a balance between getting some drugs available and protecting patients, and this report would move the issue closer to that kind of balance than currently exists." More than one activist declared that obtaining the support of cancer groups will create an "unstoppable" bipartisan coalition.

Dr. Paul Volberding, director of San Francisco General Hospital's AIDS program, says the report "is very encouraging and we can strongly support it." The AIDS Action Council (AAC), however, approves warily, commenting the report "lacks teeth." Jeffery Levi, on assignment to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), approves, as does Urvashi Vaid, director of the NGLTF.

While approval of the report ultimately depends on U.S. Secretary of Health Dr. Louis Sullivan, Dr. Lasagna says much of it could be implemented immediately. "Some of the things we recommend deserve the wholehearted support of the White House, HCFA (Health Care Finance Administration) and the blues (Blue Shield and Blue Cross)." Yet a month after the report's release, the Bush Administration will only say the document is "under review."

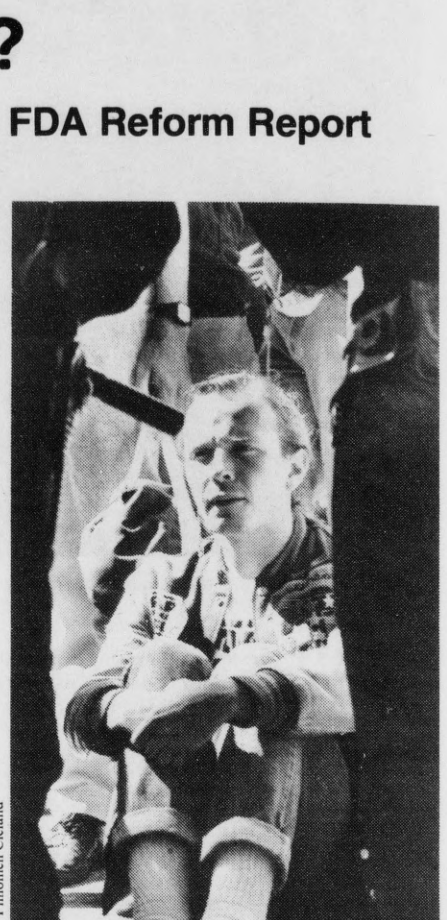


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Marty of Queer Nation and ACT UP was part of the crowd arrested for illegal assembly at the Bush protest.

THE BROAD STROKE OF REFORM

Dr. Lasagna stresses that some of the more important reforms offered by the report include defining trial endpoints that have more latitude and increasing the use of surrogate markers. He urges increased intra-agency and pharmaceutical industry cooperation; opening up both the agency's operation and findings for discussion by outside experts; and giving the advisory committees within the FDA more power. Dr. Lasagna and the committee also suggest drug companies pay the FDA a users fee and then have the drug reviewed by an outside group of experts, bypassing the agency entirely.

That last point caught Delaney's attention. "It reminds the FDA that (congress said) the drugs were to be approved on the basis of qualified experts, and it did not say *that* would be the FDA—I think that is a very healthy reminder."

Levi, however, finds that reform "weird." He is concerned that giving drug companies the option of external review to gain approval of Investigational New Drugs will allow wealthy corporations to shell out the extra cash for expedited outside review, while smaller companies or community groups whose pockets are not so deep will have "to go through the byzantine process of the FDA—and that is not fair."

recommendations is number 19. The committee advocates that medical insurers and MediCal be required to pay for approved INDs, new off-label uses for licensed drugs and the medical costs associated with those new uses.

Dr. Volberding argues that will have a significant impact on publicly funded hospitals and open up whole new avenues of access to PWAs. Those who lack insurance will find obtaining treatment from public hospitals easier,

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"One of the major problems we have in California is MediCal routinely refuses to pay for the costs of anything experimental," says Dr. Volberding. That makes hospitals reluctant to take in patients or treat them with experimental AIDS treatments. In other states local care systems do pay for such drugs. "We find it unbelievable that one system should prevail in Connecticut and another in California," says Dr. Lasagna. Adoption of this clause will ensure access will be nationwide.

What is most needed, according to Dr. Lasagna, is greater cooperation between the FDA, other government agencies and pharmaceutical companies. He says the FDA and National Cancer Institute were "shamed" into monthly meetings with each other by the committee, and he hopes regular conclaves between the FDA and the National Institutes of Health are in the works. "All along the line there is the need for friendly discussion between the FDA and the drug sponsors, rather than adversarial discussion, wherein they try to resolve their disagreements, and if they can't, resort to some sort of appeal that would allow both parties to be heard and at least occasionally the sponsor win out if the sponsor deserved to win," says Dr. Lasagna.

FDA DISCOMFIT

It is precisely that kind of talk that sends Dr. Carl Peck, director of the FDA's center for Drug Evaluation, through the roof. While acknowledging kudos awarded to the FDA for its willingness to work with activist groups and appreciative of the report's recommendations for increased funding for the agency, Dr. Peck implies that much of the report is a thinly veiled, highly political attempt to gut the FDA. "Compare the testimony and the final report, and I will leave it to your final judgement.

"The report seems to ignore a great deal that we presented and seems to ignore what was discussed in open session!" says Dr. Peck, adding that the committee was "appraised of a whole series of actions this center has taken over the last few years to intensify action on AIDS and cancer drugs."

While agreeing with the necessity of making more AIDS and cancer drugs available, faster, he defends the FDA's record, saying that AIDS and cancer drugs are reviewed these days in a matter of weeks or months, or at the longest a year. Dr. Peck says that progress has also been made in the use of surrogate markers, and that the FDA fully supports community-based clinical trials.

He took particular exception to the suggestion that the FDA utilize outside experts. "We already have 300 qualified experts; this place is crawling with outside experts." He called that recommendation an insult to FDA staff and archly said, "If you have a qualified expert without a conflict of interest, we would like to meet him."

As far as the suggestions for closer intra-agency and drug company cooperation, Dr. Peck says there is a limit to how close the cooperation can be without getting into conflict of interest questions, and he asks at what point does cooperation turn into undue influence.

"Many of the recommendations are the same as reports ten and twenty years ago. What is curious is that several of the issues raised again were dealt with in the past," says Dr. Peck, and he thinks some of the recommendations were made oblivious to these facts.

Dr. Lasagna retorted, "I might say that is not surprising. The FDA is very sensitive to criticism and refers to all criticism as FDA bashing. Our criticisms are not new, and they have been reiterated over and over again. Either all these groups are wrong, or the FDA is unwilling to admit that there are problems."

PROTECTION VS. PATERNALISM

Dr. Hal Strelnick, board member of Health Pac, a health and patient advocacy group, cautiously welcomes the report while noting that if adopted it would fundamentally alter the role of the agency. "Basically they are asking the FDA to take a more pro-active role in drug development, and not to just play a passive role, which is what it had in its history."

Dr. Strelnick agrees that the agency should be better funded and that easing the approval of licensed drugs for new uses should be expedited, but he is concerned about the level of cooperation that is being advocated. The agency has strict conflict of interest regulations precisely because of past scandals involving payola, bribery and the falsification of reports for ineffective drugs. He says critics of the agency have often contended that "there is too cozy a relationship with the industry, that the FDA is a captive arm of the industry."

As Dr. Arthur Levin, also on the board of Health Pac, noted, much of the criticism by AIDS activists and advocates of FDA reform has centered on the antagonistic tension between the industry and regulators. But, Dr. Levin stressed that may not be such a bad thing. "(A drug company's) motive is to make money, and sometimes that seems to get in the way of safe and efficacious drugs."

Although such concerns remain, the tide is shifting toward easier and earlier access to cancer and AIDS drugs, even among researchers formerly opposed to the concept. Dr. Thomas Merigan, a Stanford AIDS researcher well known for his opposition to early access in the past, has now written an article supporting the concept in clinical trials entitled, "You Can Teach An Old Dog New Tricks!" Dr. Merigan is convinced the report will not sink without trace, as have four other Presidential reports on AIDS, both because ddI and ddC are perfect candidates for release under the terms of the report, and because it is proposing a truly new vision of the FDA. Then again, it doesn't hurt that Dr. Lasagna is already on another committee investigating the FDA.

Dr. Lasagna says he has had some important allies in pushing the expanded access to AIDS treatments forward through the federal government. "The AIDS activists are very smart, very well informed, and willing to be obnoxious, and have extracted things from agencies that would otherwise have not occurred... by contrast the cancer groups were bland and measured in their comments, and that explains why people pay less attention to them than the AIDS activists."

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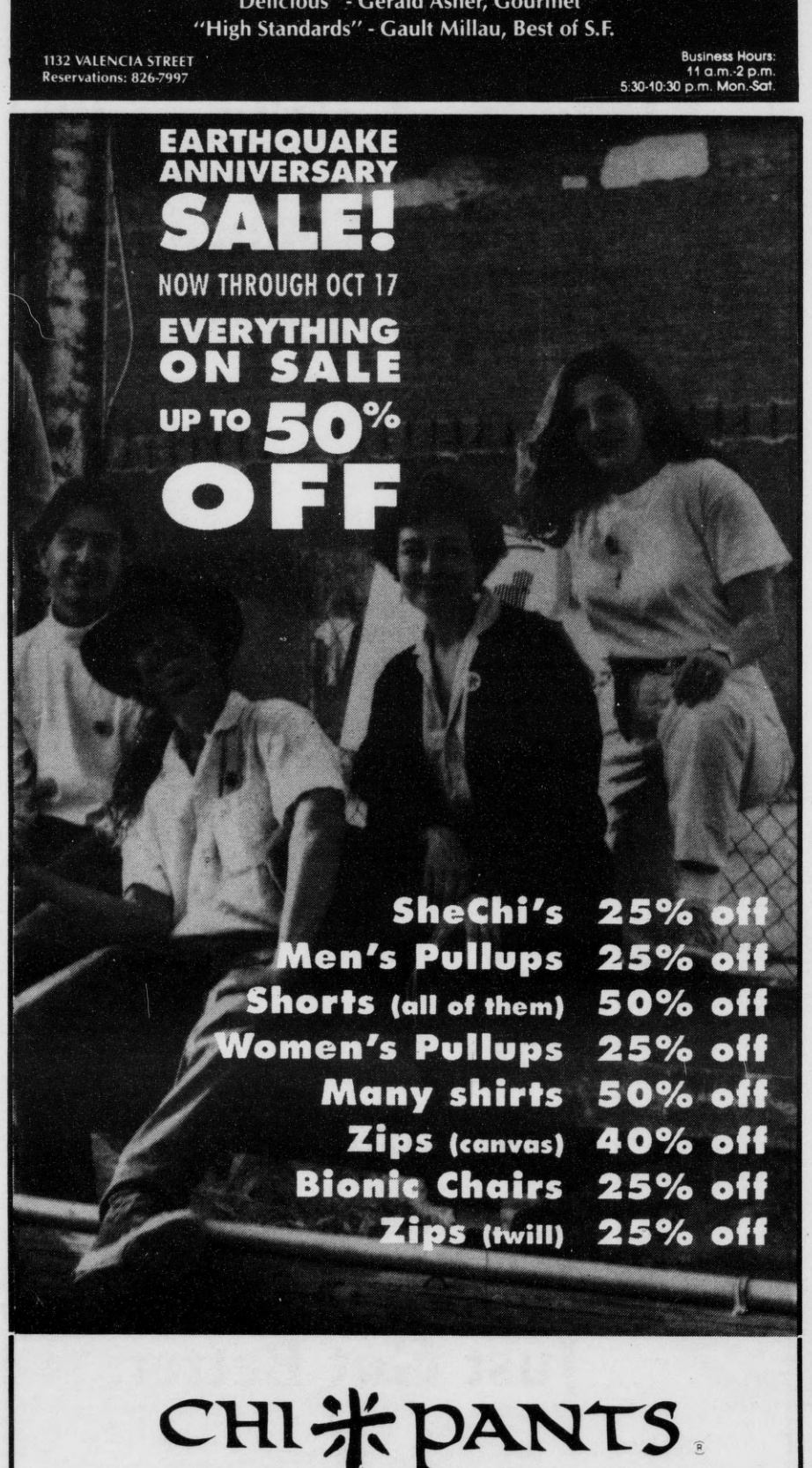
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Prevention Point Starts Regular Needle Exchange in the Western Addition Over Stiff and Vocal Opposition



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Volunteers at needle exchange sites pass out free condoms and collect used needles in toxic waste containers.

BY TIM KINGSTON

Despite an initial flurry of opposition, a new needle-exchange site had its first two-hour session on September 11 in the Western Addition. Sojourner, the *nom de guerre* of one of six women on a racially mixed team who run the new exchange site, says it was chosen "because a lot of Black people use drugs. Most of the new cases of AIDS are women and Blacks and Latinos, and they get it from their partners or from their own drug use." The site operates out of the Lower Haight from 6 to 8 every Tuesday evening.

Prevention Point, San Francisco's quasi-legal needle-exchange program, is the sponsor of this, their fifth exchange site in the city. (There are currently two each in the Mission and Tenderloin.) Prevention Point was created and designed by AIDS activists and health workers to prevent blood-borne HIV infection due to needle sharing. The exchange allows Injection Drug Users (IDUs) to exchange used—and possibly HIV-infected needles—for new sterile needles on a one-for-one basis.

On September 18, only the second time the Lower Haight exchange was open, volunteers served 24 clients and exchanged 224 needles in their first hour—compared to the paltry 13 needles Prevention Point succeeded in exchanging on their first outing 22 months ago. "That is way fab!" gleefully exclaimed George Clarke, Prevention Point's coordinator and only paid staffer, punching the air with his fist.

According to Sojourner, clients at the new site have been 98 percent male, and evenly divided between Blacks and whites, with no Latinos and one Asian. Reaction to the needle exchange is mostly favorable from passersby, who frequently stop dead in their tracks upon hearing the offer of free condoms—even if they do not use the exchange. Only one or two individuals have been heard muttering epithets about "junkies."

The fact that the new exchange is happening at all, is, however, something of a minor miracle. A small coterie of Black leaders and ministers have opposed the concept of needle exchange from the very get-go, because they say it validates drug use. They almost succeeded in scuttling the new exchange site in August—despite it being set up in conjunction with the Black Coalition on AIDS (BCA).

Don Des Jarlais, research director of New York's Beth Israel Chemical Dependency Unit, says whether or not needle exchanges gets off the ground is all a matter of the local political scene. Responding to the fears that needle exchanges will promote drug use in the AIDS-affected communities, he notes, "There is no evidence that (syringe exchange) leads to increased drug use, and that has been studied in every study of syringe exchange that has been done."

PREVENTING PREVENTION POINT

"There are two different issues (in the Black community)," says Ken Jones, director of the San Francisco Stop AIDS Project. "One is about halting the spread of AIDS, and the other is about a community that is devastated by drug abuse. It is hard to talk about them as one (issue)." Unfortunately, that is precisely what happens every time the issue of needle exchange comes up.

"The message I have been hearing is: 'I don't want to hear the facts. I don't want to know' " says Jones. He says "Those of us in the world of AIDS prevention are clear that if IVDUs have access to needles and information, they can make behavioral changes." Jones says he thinks that opposition to needle exchange is based partly on a fear that needle exchanges will increase crime in the Black community, e.g.—If we give them the needles where are they going to get the money to pay for the drugs? Jones stressed that the Stop AIDS Project has no stand on needle exchange.

The most vocal opponents of the Western Addition needle exchange are Health Commissioner Naomi Gray; San Francisco NAACP chapter president Lulann McGriff; Julianne Malveaux, a columnist with San Francisco's leading Black newspaper the *Sun Reporter* and a U.C. economics professor. They succeeded in delaying the inauguration of the Western Addition site by several weeks.

While opponents of needle exchange zero in on the drug culture, they all but ignore HIV transmission as an issue. An August 15 meeting called by the BCA to discuss the Western Addition exchange was hijacked by its opponents who declared they would stop the opening of the exchange "by any means necessary." Malveaux and McGriff lit into the Prevention Pointers, alleging they constituted

an invasion of the African-American community by white interlopers—despite the fact that many of the organizations supporting the proposal are coordinated, staffed and directed by African-Americans.

When Malveaux first learned about the BCA's needle exchange she was enraged, and told the *SF Bay Times*, "First of all, it is not clear that needle exchange is beneficial for what it is claimed to be for—which is stopping the spread of the HIV virus. Nor is it clear that it does anything else. What I think is that when you distribute drug paraphernalia you are implicitly encouraging the spread of drug addiction, which is something that is not needed in the Black community!"

LuLaan McGriff told the *SF Bay Times* that needle exchange programs are the equivalent of genocide because they endorse and abet drug use. She added that children could be infected by discarded needles left by IDUs. She also made a pointed reference to the bags of discarded needles found on Ocean Beach early this summer, saying, "There is some question of where they came from." When challenged if she was accusing Prevention Point, she hurriedly denied the implied allegation. (Prevention Point disposes of all of its used needles through the same Oakland contractor as does the San Francisco Department of Public Health.)

When needle exchange was first proposed 22 months ago, Rev. Amos Brown, pastor of Third Baptist Church, emerged as one of its most vocal opponents. Underlying much of his opposition is his analysis that it's simply a quick fix that ignores underlying problems of drug addiction, and the need for more treatment and detox facilities in the Black community. He angrily told the *SF Bay Times* that despite promises from city officials there is no comprehensive drug-treatment program for people of color.

Reverend Brown flared, "I don't want needles around my church; we have enough problems. Let them go and get needles at City Hall." When asked if a needle exchange could give IDUs time, and a chance to change their behavior, he retorted, "How do you know what a drug addict will do who lies, cheats and steals?"

A SHIFTING TIDE?

The acusations of genocide clearly irritate Dr. Harold Cottman, a board member of the Black Coalition on AIDS (BCA), a Kaiser Foundation psychiatrist and associate Baptist Minister. At an August 26 meeting called by NAACP, he said, "It is those who do not want to intervene who are genocidal—it is the same people who opposed condom use, and who refuse to teach our children how to use them. It is the same mentality."

Dr. Cottman argued that high rates of HIV infection in the Black community are linked directly to needle sharing or indirectly through the infection of IDU sex partners or the newborn. "The issue is epidemic limitation, and needle exchange clearly speaks to that. We are talking about a whole community here: IDUs, their partners and children. We are looking at the destruction of a community."

"Number one, the needle exchange allows the opportunity for clean injection equipment for IDUs; secondarily, it allows us an opportunity to work in a community and educate people about their risk for AIDS," says Brandy Moore, chair of the board of the BCA, and he repeatedly stressed that the needle exchange should not be seen in isolation. "The (BCA) has taken a position of support for a comprehensive drug and health program which includes a needle exchange. There is a housing component, there is treatment on demand, there is a full social-service component for those who are living with AIDS and who are drug affected... We have been talking about it for quite some time in the coalition." Thus Prevention Point was invited to begin setting up an exchange.

While it was no surprise Rev. Brown reiterated his opposition to needle exchange when recently contacted by the *SF Bay Times*, his absence at the August 26 meeting was. Even more of a shock, especially to opponents of needle exchange, were the comments of the ailing Carlton Goodlett, one of the more powerful and respected members of San Francisco's African-American community and publisher of the *San Franscisco Sun Reporter*. He whispered in a shaky voice, "You have got to start somewhere and this is a good start."

One needle exchange volunteer said when Goodlett spoke it "sort of took the wind out of their sails." All of a sudden the opponents of needle exchange were no longer able to portray the needle exchangers as a wild fringe element with no support in the community. Goodlett's statement completely turned the tables.

WHAT DOES PREVENTION POINT DO? THE DATA

"The vast majority of (IDUs) have changed their behavior because of AIDS... We have hundreds of studies: They share less; they buy new needles; they cut down on going to shooting galleries; they use bleach when it is available; they come to syringe exchanges when they are available," says Des Jarlais. He says all studies consistently show IDUs that use exchanges are more careful and share needles less than those who do not.

On August 1, Prevention Point's four sites exchanged 5,126 syringes with 643 people in only two hours. In its 22 months of operation, over 150,000 syringes have been exchanged, making it the largest needle exchange unit in the country. Volunteers estimate the Tenderloin site alone serves at least 250 people every night it is open.

"These are people who are famous for not being able to keep schedules and make appointments," says Clarke. "It is obvious the IDU community is highly motivated to access this intervention, but due to the fact that we have no funding we are *only* open two hours a week."

The exchange is also a bridge to drug treatment programs for some IDUs that can be contacted no other way. Three different private drug treatment-agencies have supplied the program with vouchers to give to IDUs for a free detox and treatment program. Prevention Point has just applied to the American Foundation for AIDS Research for further funds so that it can give out vouchers for more slots in drug treatment programs.

The Urban Health Study looked at data from San Francisco General comparing hepatitis B infection among IDU's and the general population. Both have declined, but among IDU's the decline is dramatic. Jennifer Lorvick, a researcher with the study, says hepatitis B is a blood borne-disease, transmissible by needle sharing. That data is a "backasswards way of saying that needle users are exchanging less, or they are cleaning their needles—because they are not getting infected."

THE COMMUNITY THAT FALLS THROUGH THE CRACKS

Both at the Tenderloin and Mission sites the variety of people who show up is stunning—Blacks, whites, Latinos, men, women, mothers with children, stereotypical strung-out users, punks and skinheads—and the entire Mission team swears up and down that they had one woman appear in full Embarcadero drag: reeboks, big bow tie and power suit!

Clients at the sites repeatedly express unsolicted gratitude for the availability of exchange. One stocky young man turned to the volunteers: "I sure do appreciate it. I just got an HIV test that was negative and it was probably because of that," he said, pointing to the polyglot line of people waiting patiently for their needles.

Geoff Meredith, one of the original band of Prevention Point volunteers, says, however, he feels the group is just scratching the surface of the problem in the city. He says while there are 16,000 IDUs in the city—3,000 of them gay or bisexual men—the exchange only sees 600 or

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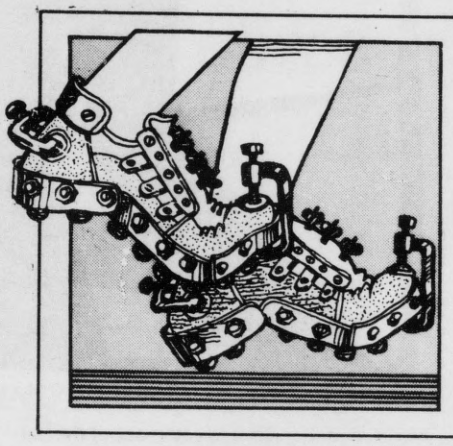


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WHEN THE BATTERING WON'T STOP

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

BY TIM KINGSTON



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"I deal with victims who are beaten and stabbed and shot at and assaulted with weapons," says Patrick Leteleir, an advocate for victims of domestic violence. "I don't think enough people in our community know about it. They say it is two guys fighting or two dykes fighting, and they are not seeing what it is about— this person is being battered, or this person is a batterer... Most people I talk to don't take this seriously."

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness month. And for the first time, the observance has an overtly gay and lesbian component. "The gay and lesbian domestic violence services in San Francisco have joined the mainstream of domestic violence services and advocacy," says Jim Shattuck of MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence), a program dedicated to stopping men from battering. The San Francisco anti-domestic violence consortium consists of the Community United Against Violence's (CUAV) Gay Domestic Violence Project, W.O.M.A.N., Inc.'s counseling and service program for battered lesbians, MOVE, as well as the more traditional services and shelter programs for battered women.

Leteleir is particularly worried about domestic violence among gays and lesbians, where he reckons it is just as prevalent, and vicious, as among heterosexuals, affecting some 11 percent of all relationships.

Leteleir should know. Three years ago he was trying to escape from gay domestic battery at the hands of his lover. For two years he had endured continual violence in a relationship that he felt unable to escape from, in part, because when a victim tries to leave, if the batterer catches up with him or her, the potential for further violence escalates dramatically.

Since he escaped from his batterer, Leteleir's life has changed dramatically. Now he is employed as a victim's rights advocate, he has co-authored a book about gay male battering, and he speaks out to groups as a victim of gay domestic violence. "When I stand up in front of a group and read what happened to me, I still find it hard to believe. Having a life free of violence makes it hard for me to believe I put up with it once," says Leteleir.

But Leteleir has his reminders. Even today he is cautious when out and about in the Castro for fear of running into his ex-lover. He says, "I have not spoken to him since 1987, except once when I yelled at him that I would throw his ass in jail if he did not leave me alone." *That was in May of 1990.* Sadly, that is the rule, not the exception.

GAY AND LESBIAN SERVICE PROVIDERS

When Leteleir escaped from his batterer in 1987 there were no services available for battered gay men, and now there are two for the battered and one for batterers. Jaimie Baldino of W.O.M.A.N., Inc., says she and a small group of interns provide specialized counseling services, help with legal advocacy and emergency-shelter services for battered lesbians. She adds that drop-in services dedicated to lesbians are now available in Contra Costa County and the Peninsula. But, she says, that while the lack of services for all battered women is endemic, the situation is even worse for lesbians, who must endure homophobia. She say it is hard to get funding for specifically lesbian projects because the very word scares donors away.

For many battered lesbians the "stigma" is threefold: to expose battery they may have to come out of the closet to the heterosexual world, and they have to come out of the battery closet to their lesbian world. Finally, if the lesbian couple has children, to expose battery could threaten custody either because of the battery or because the state becomes aware of the lesbian relationship. In some cases the victim may fear the children will be subject to more battery if she leaves.

These risks for the victim are also exacerbated by good old-fashioned sexism. "It is harder for people to believe a woman is battering another woman," says Baldino. " 'Why did she not leave? She should be able to get out. *It is just another woman hitting her!*' " Baldino says when a women tries to report a battery to the police, the cops often walk away, saying they cannot figure out who is the batterer and who is the victim, despite testimony to the contrary.

"That is if they take the report (at all)," adds Debra Moon, CUAV's gay domestic violence project coordinator. Moon points out that in San Francisco the police are supposed to make a full report of any incident of domestic violence, be it heterosexual or homosexual. The officers are required to give the victim a card with all the telephone numbers of domestic violence groups in the city. Often, though, that does not happen. Moon says the problems range from the police simply not showing up, to them "verbally harassing the men, saying it is not a big deal, or ignoring the situation."

In many cases the police report lists the incident as mutual combat, as opposed to domestic violence. Even so, Moon says just the fact there is a general order requiring that gay male domestic violence be reported is an improvement over the situation in most cities. In some cases she says officers actually do report the incident as gay domestic violence, and that alone is an accomplishment, albeit a small one.

Moon says the CUAV 24-hour help line gets about 20 calls per month from victims of gay male domestic violence. She says CUAV offers services to men who are in abusive relationships, or those who are in households where their roommates are violent and emotionally abusive. "I think when we use the word violence people think 'Oh, this was not violence. Oh, he just hit me a couple of times.'... So it is a loaded word, but in my mind it accurately describes a lot of what is going on."

CUAV's Gay Domestic Violence Project also offers a six to eight week counseling program for victims of battery; housing referrals for victims trying to leave their partner; legal advocacy that includes assistance in filling out police assault forms and help in pressing charges against the batterer. Moon says that while few of her clients are willing to go so far as to obtain a restraining order or pursue criminal charges, those that persevere often succeed; that is, if they can get the case past the general-works detail of the police department.

MOVE works only with batterers, and has two goals, says Shattuck: to stop the violence by changing the behavior of batterers so that violence becomes an unacceptable option to deal with pain, rage, or humiliation. He says there are three stages in breaking a batterer's cycle of violence. First, is basic behavior change—simply stopping the battery by teaching batterers to recognize the signs of when they are about to become violent, and leave the situation. The aim is to make them take responsibility for changing their own behavior.

Second, Shattuck believes that many batterers have a limited emotional range and a limited response to those emotions, with violence being the primary response. "We essentially (try to) expand their emotional vocabulary, expand their self awareness and we give them communication skills to express (themselves),"— instead of resorting to violence. The third stage is long-term therapy to get at the root causes of violent behavior.

COALITION OR CO-OPTATION

In the healthcare field, if not the community, gay and lesbian domestic battery is finally being taken seriously. It was repeatedly emphasized at July's Gay and Lesbian Health Conference that "domestic violence is the third most pressing problem before the gay and lesbian community after AIDS and homophobia!" says Shattuck.

At the conference about 15 workshops were devoted to the issue of gay and lesbian domestic violence, and at the next Gay and Lesbian Health Conference in New Orleans there will be an entire plenary session devoted to the issue. While there, Shattuck and Baldino discovered a host of groups who are working on Gay and Lesbian domestic violence in Seattle, Los Angeles, Minneapolis and New York. Baldino says she has even found a program at the Fort Wayne Center for Non-Violence in Indiana. "We pulled everybody's names together and began trying to pull together a national network," says Shattuck.

Shattuck, Baldino and Moon all say that what is unique about San Francisco's gay and lesbian services as compared to the heterosexual victim and batterer services is the cooperation that exists between the victims' and batterers' service organizations.

"Having worked in the straight domestic violence movement for a number of years, we were all very familiar with the split between victims' and offenders' groups, and that is exacerbated by the male-female split," says Shattuck. Instead of recreating the hostility that exists between straight women's victims' and men's perpetrators' organizations, he says gay and lesbian organizations have opted for a different model.

"We take on the responsibility within the lesbian and gay community that both populations—perpetrators and the victims of domestic violence—need to be assisted, and we stand by that," says Shattuck. "It is not going to help in our mind to help the lesbian who is being battered when we know the batterer will go to another lesbian and batter her."

Leteleir, however, argues that it is theoretically inconsistent for victims' service groups to work too closely with batterers' groups. He says, "I have yet to meet a batterer treatment advocate who stresses the criminal aspect of domestic violence, and that never fails to piss me off! I think many batterers' treatment advocates are soft on batterers."

Leteleir says that while some segments of the gay and lesbian community are coming around on the issue, the level of denial and ignorance remains high. He says when people hear he has written a book on the issue, "They ask me.. 'Is it research or is it pornography?' That is the level at which our community is dealing with this!"

Resources:

CUAV's Gay Domestic Violence 24-hour hotline: 864-3112

MOVE, Men Overcoming Violence: 626-6683

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ACT UP...

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ding to be heard, but that they were trying to take over the leadership of ACT UP. "I don't think it is appropriate for lesbians to say they want to have the power to set the agenda for ACT UP and invalidate my voice as an HIV-negative gay white man." He says in San Francisco 87 percent of PWAs are gay white men and 97 percent are gay men, therefore that should have an impact on setting ACT UP/SF policy.

The power struggle came to a head over the office in an explosive conflict between Gold and Braverman. According to several witnesses, Gold put a motion on the agenda to pay for the office insurance, and then said she would block her own motion, effectively deadlocking the procedure. Braverman hit the roof. He screamed at her, charging she was manipulating the process. "I addressed an ideology that existed among some members of ACT UP that frightened me—one which wishes to maintain a small chapter in terms of new members, one that is fearful of financial growth and does not recognize...the strategies and tactics of other ACT UP chapters," Braverman said explaining his outburst.

Many of the men agreed and cheered Braverman on. "It was like they were at some football game," said a disgusted Morrison, "and nobody was doing something to stop this." Some women, badly frightened by the exhibition, vowed never to come back to a general meeting, regardless of how they felt about Gold's sharp parliamentary maneuver.

Smith, however, denied that Gold was motivated by sexism. "She is a very, very powerful woman, and people are afraid of her...people gathered round and attacked her in a very ugly way, and they did it because she is powerful—not because she is a woman... I just think it should be made what it was: To me, it was a fight between very powerful people."

STRUCTURAL SEXISM?

That is not how the women, and some of the other ACT UP men, who were present see it. "I think it is misogyny for Smith to see it that way. I felt physically endangered by that mob," says Gold. She scoffed at the term powerful, saying, "It is not the first time that I have been driven from an ACT UP meeting by the hatred of men. All of the women who witnessed it had the same response. (The men) treated me in a way that they would not treat themselves. A man came and stood by me, because he felt the physical violence of that group."

After the Gold-Braverman confrontation, Morrison said she feels ACT UP/SF is a threatening environment. "Watching your back takes a lot of energy. It was not positive or useful (to go to general meetings)."

At the next ACT UP meeting, the women called for a "fishbowl" gathering where the the men were not allowed to speak and the women did a go-round expressing their discomfort with ACT UP and how they did not feel the group was a safe space for women any longer. They detailed their repeated frustrations with being ignored in meetings and their feeling that women's issue were always put on the backburner. The women expressed their dissatisfaction with always having to be the ones to educate men about sexism, or bringing up issues of women and AIDS or pediatric AIDS. Peg of ACT UP/SF says that while the men have "done well" on policing themselves over sexism, "They have not done enough. We always have to come and help them. It is frustrating."

But even that proved too much for some men, says Peg. "I got the idea that the men understood how we felt because they were not allowed to speak—and then a man got up and told us that what we were doing was sexist. All I saw was a male ego standing up and his power was taken away for ten minutes, and mine is taken away every day!"

"I think there are gay white men in this organization that feel on a conscious or unconscious level that they are being disempowered because women want to bring their views into the mix," says Crystal Mason, a member of the People of Color Caucus who joined ACT UP early this year. She asks how in the world ACT UP can hope to fight racism and sexism in the outside world if the group cannot deal with those issues internally.

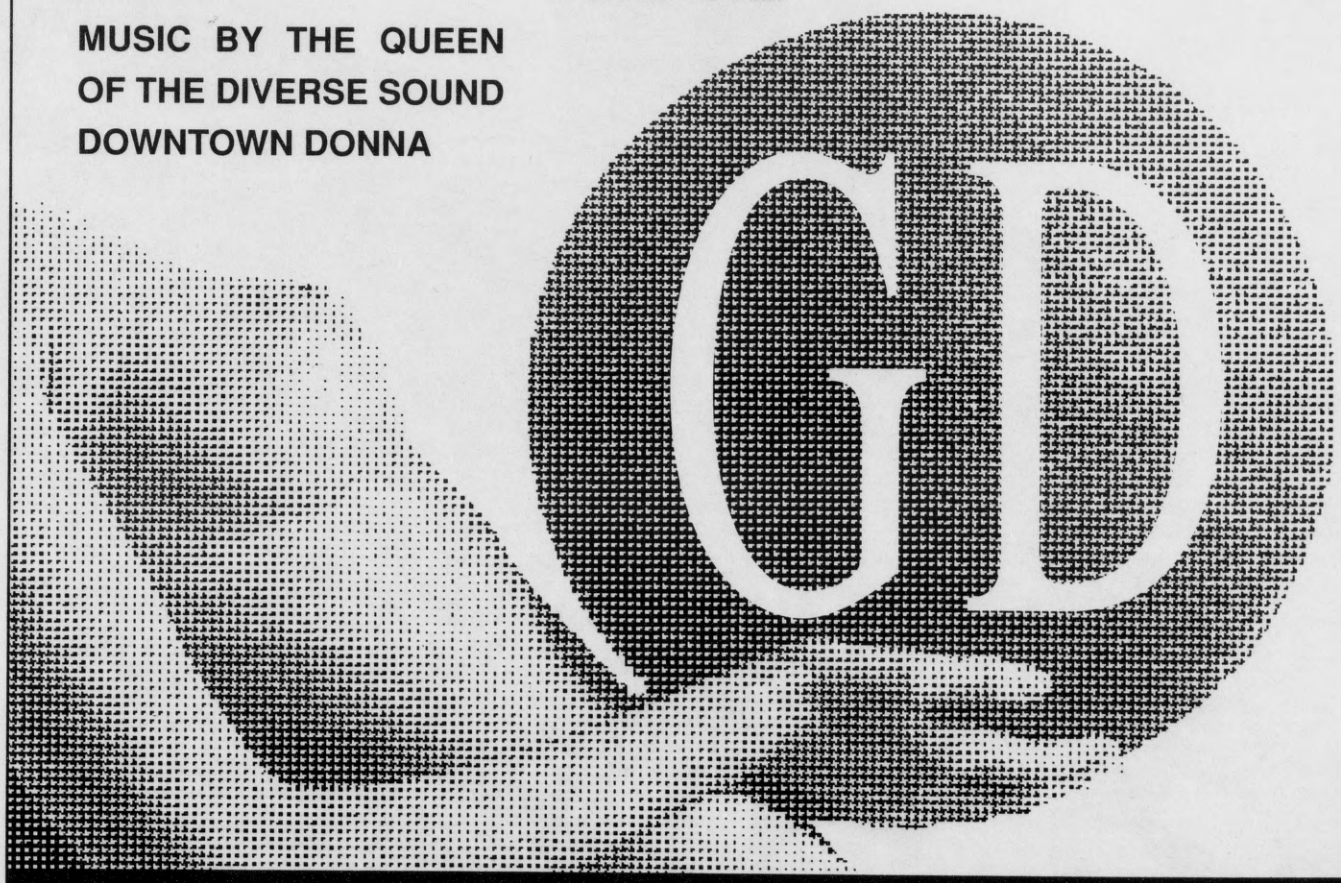
Gold argues much of the conflict within ACT UP centers on the issue of privilege between those in ACT UP and those the epidemic at large. "You have a group in ACT UP of white men who had a great deal of privilege until they got sick, and a lot of them still have a lot of class and white skin privilege." She says many of them have little political experience and are even less used to dealing with oppression. Gold challenges, "If they wanted to be rid of sexism as much as I want to be rid of AIDS...if they cared that much about women dying of sexism and poverty, we could work it out!"

For those without that level of privilege, it is not just AIDS that is deadly, but the marginalization surrounding the epidemic. Gold says that simply improving social services can have a direct impact on disease progression, pointing to the fact that in New York a Black woman with AIDS has an average life span after diagnosis of 30 days vs. the two-and-a-half-year average for a gay white male in San Francisco.

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Domestic Partners Measure Hangs in the Balance

BY JENNIE McKNIGHT

Supporters of Proposition K, this year's ballot initiative offering San Franciscans the opportunity to give a thumbs up to domestic partners, had every reason to celebrate when the campaign's August 18 kick-off event raised over $41,000 and drew over 200 people. And they also had cause to feel good about political forecasts predicting that this year's election—with the governor's job and the environment on the ballot—was likely to bring out a bunch of "progressive" voters who stayed home last November. But a new poll showing K trailing slightly has added a note of concern to the atmosphere of upbeat optimism at K headquarters, and some observers think the new data might raise some strategic questions. And while support for domestic partners remains high among lesbians and gay men, some questions continue to be raised about what this particular measure will and won't do.



Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

A bureaucrat rejects David Robinson and Warren Drause's request for a marriage license form. David and Warren got married later at Queer Nation's marriage ceremony in the City Hall rotunda.

SUPPORT FOR RELATIONSHIPS DEPENDS ON HOW POLL QUESTIONS ARE PHRASED

During the first week of August, pollster David Binder conducted a survey that seemed to indicate that Prop K was favored by a whopping 20 percent of those expected to vote (54.5 to 34.6, with a 3.5 percent error margin). But in a poll Binder conducted in mid-September, published last week by the San Francisco Independent, K trailed 45 percent to 43 (a virtual tie, given the 4 percent error margin).

Instead of representing a drop in support for the measure during the six-week period between polls, Binder says he thinks the difference in the results lies in the way the questions were asked. In the first poll, respondents were asked whether they would vote "to allow gay, lesbian and other unmarried couples to register their relationships." In the later poll, those questioned were asked how they would vote on "domestic partners." Binder suggests that the more than ten percent difference in the results may indicate that some voters have a negative association with the term "domestic partners"—perhaps due to the negative campaigning from last year's Prop S. Although Binder stresses that it is still "very early" in the campaign season, the new data give cause for concern and raise the possibility that K may be tougher (and costlier) to win than some may have imagined.

STICK TO THE GAME PLAN?

The strategy for the K campaign, according to Jean Harris, a key K backer and aide to K sponsor Harry Britt, goes like this:

- From the kickoff until early October, conduct voter registration drive and fundraise from known base of support. This strategy is in part based on poll data showing a large majority of new voters favor K. The "base" was also relatively easy to tap, since a large database and volunteer pool from Prop S were available.

So far, Prop K organizers say they have registered over 3,000 new voters (half their goal) and contacted many of the Prop S "base" to alert them and enlist support.

- Secure endorsements of clubs, leaders and candidates. According to Nam Nguyen, a Prop K steering committee member, the campaign has already racked up the endorsements of nearly every candidate running for office in the city, many elected and public officials, as well as key gay, lesbian and other community groups—including the Bayview/Hunters Point Democratic Club.
- During the last 30 days of the campaign, walk precincts in the "swing" areas, specifically the Richmond. During the last ten days, mount a massive "get out the vote" drive.

The last month of the campaign is also crucial because this is the time when organized opposition to K is likely to make its biggest push. K organizers say an anti-K attack "will not go unanswered."

According to Harris, pro-K forces don't plan to take on educational campaigns outside the "swing" areas. But some observers, like Binder, say that if the polls stay this close a wider public campaign may be required. And, as a result, Binder suggests that the K campaign may drain money and volunteer energy from other campaigns based in the lesbian and gay community—namely those of supervisorial hopefuls Carole Migden and Roberta Achtenberg and School Board candidate Tom Ammiano. When contacted by *SF Bay Times*, however, none of the candidates said they anticipated any negative effects from K on their races.

Harris agrees, arguing that rather than hinder the lesbian and gay candidates, the K drive—even if it loses—will give them the benefits of the new voters registered as well as

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the "get out the vote" drive.

When asked whether the new poll findings would alter the strategy of the pro-K campaign, Harris said they would not. In fact, she said she was glad the poll came out when it did so the lesbian and gay community will not "take this campaign lightly," and will instead "come out and work for domestic partners."

In an effort to rally support and demonstrate unity as the voter registration drive wraps up, Prop K will hold a rally October 6 to which lesbian and gay leaders will be asked to come "show solidarity," according to Harris. The event will feature Britt and Mayor Art Agnos.

HOW MUCH UNITY?

But while Prop K does seem to enjoy relatively widespread lesbian and gay support (among leaders speaking publicly and voters polled privately), some questions have dogged K within the community—both about what K does and doesn't do.

Some critics of K have charged that the measure, as it is written, might put some people who sign up as domestic partners at risk for losing benefits from government programs. Prop K author Matt Coles says he thinks such effects are highly unlikely. Julia Lopez of the Department of Social Services agrees. Both basically argue that government programs to assist poor people only recognize "legal marriage," and therefore domestic partnership status will not affect eligibility since domestic partners are not legally married.

Another criticism that has been raised about Prop K is its explicit statement that domestic partners agree "to be jointly responsible for basic living expenses" which can be "enforced by anyone to whom the expenses are owed." Clint Hockenberry of the AIDS Legal Referral Panel says this language makes Prop K "a creditor's bill of rights." He argues that for people with HIV disease or other life-threatening illnesses and their partners, registry as domestic partners could put them at great financial risk. For example, he said a person who is sick who needs to enter a nursing home might incur costs that the domestic partner would be liable for under the "basic food and shelter" clause of the domestic partner agreement.

While Coles acknowledged that there may be some risks involved in registering as domestic partners, the likelihood of a situation like the one Hockenberry imaggines is quite small, he says. Coles argues that the domestic partnership legally ends when a couple no longer lives together, therefore when a very sick person moves out to live in another place like a nursing home or a hospice, the financial obligation to provide basic food and shelter is ended for the domestic partner.

And finally, some lesbians and gay men have criticzed K because they say it doesn't do enough. According to Leonard Graff, a Human Rights Commissioner, because K does nothing more than establish a registry for domestic partners, it provides no "real benefits"—like bereavement leave or insurance benefits. This is the argument that seems to get the most angry response from K backers, who emphasize that the most important thing about K is its symbolic recognition of lesbian and gay relationships. They maintain that K is an important first step from which to secure greater rights for domestic partners. The critics reply that symbolism isn't enough, and that a good domestic partners bill should include some "tangible" benefits along with the declaration of mutual financial responsibility.

As *Bay Times* goes to press, the HRC is scheduled to release its study of the legal issues raised by Prop K. Should the measure pass, perhaps some of these questions will be settled in court.

So stay tuned. Hopefully there won't be another earthquake between now and November to prevent voters from coming out to back K. But then, a landslide is not likely either.

Annual Benefit/Dance for Women's Cancer Resource Center

Get ready for a rousing night of dance music when the Women's Cancer Resource Center and the Charlotte Maxwell Complementary Clinic host their annual joint benefit Oct. 20 to support women with cancer. Featured musical performers will be local R&B favorite Linda Tillery and the new all-women's salsa group RhythMissCity, which includes percussionist Carolyn Brandy and Angela Wellman.

Members of the Over Our Heads Comedy Troupe will handle the m.c. duties, and WCRC founder Jackie Winnow will speak about the personal and political realities of women living with cancer.

Organizers say they hope this year's event will match the stunning success of last year's benefit, which one described as "the biggest women's political event in the Bay Area last year." Pam Fadem, co-producer of this year's fundraiser, told *SF Bay Times* that "the overwhelming support last year from women crossing every community line was incredible. It made us better understand how deep the need is to provide services to women with cancer." The proceeds from last year's event allowed the WCRC to serve "a huge number of women" and to build a network with other support groups for women with cancer around the country.

Also benefitting from last year's event was the Charlotte Maxwell Complementary Clinic, a new organization dedicated to providing alternative health care services like acupuncture, massage, homeopathy and counseling at low cost or no cost for women with cancer. According to Fadem, the proceeds from last year's fundraiser allowed the CMCC, named after a woman who died of ovarian cancer in 1988, to consolidate a core of 20 volunteers and "do all the work necessary to open our doors before the end of the year."

In addition to raising much-needed funds for the two groups, organizers say they hope this year's benefit will also raise awareness about the experiences of women with cancer—40,000 of whom live in the Bay Area. According to Winnow, "Many people equate cancer with death. Yet we live until we die, so cancer is not so much about dying but about living. Although each of us experiences cancer individually, it is through collective support and action that changes take place."

Tickets for the October 20 event, which will be held at 8:00 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Temple in Oakland, are available on a sliding scale basis ($10-$35, but no one will be turned away for lack of funds). They can be purchased in advance at Mama Bears, The Brick Hut, and Gaia Books in the East Bay, and at Old Wives Tales or A Different Light Bookstore in San Francisco. On the evening of the performance tickets can be purchased at the door. For more information, contact the WCRC at (415) 548-9272 or the CMCC at (415) 601-7660.

—Jennie McKnight

Needles...

so people. What frustrates him is that despite verbal support from the city, the exchange is not funded and will not be until the city government decides to challenge state law.

But the little that they can do is what keeps the volunteers coming back. Meredith recounted one story a volunteer heard while interviewing a client. The woman was hanging out with two other IDUs who were injecting: one was HIV + the other HIV-. Meredith says the uninfected man wanted to inject from the infected man's rig. "The person telling the story said, 'You can't do that.' 'The guy said I don't care, I want it.' She said 'No you can't' 'No, I want it.' 'No, You can't do it.' ... Eventually she grabbed the works, ran down here, and throws it in the biohazard container, gets a clean needle and went back. It took ten minutes."

That is why Meredith says he stands on a chilly corner in the Tenderloin trading needles.

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"There is a split in this organization—if I may be so bold—among those of us who want to focus on the top quarter with AIDS and those of us who want to focus on the bottom third," says Raphael. "If you do the latter, it leads you to look at AIDS in the broader context." And to do that, the organization must be inclusive and welcoming to people other than white gay male activists, no matter how hard they work on their sexism and racism, says Mason.

ACT UP for a long time has had a reputation as a gay white male organization, and Mason said, "Even if there was the will on the part of gay white men to go to Black churches and women's organizations, how effective would they be? If we push (women and people of color) out, ACT UP may survive, but I don't see it doing much in the way of fighting the epidemic... I want to fight all the 'isms that caused this to be an epidemic."

Laura Thomas stresses that all gay white men should not be lumped into a single category, and says health care and treatments are critical. "People are focusing on treatments, but not much on what drugs into *whose* bodies... I don't see the inclusion of the fight for childcare and the fight for women with AIDS taking away from fighting for ddC. I don't want to take away from fighting for

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AIDS TREATMENT NEWS

BY JOHN S. JAMES

Vitamin C: Lab Tests Indicate Antiviral Effect

A series of laboratory tests at the Linus Pauling Institute of Science and Medicine in Palo Alto has found that ascorbate (vitamin C) reduced the growth of HIV in cultured human lymphocytes in concentrations not harmful to the cells. The experimental study, conducted by Steve Harakeh, Ph.D., and Raxit J. Jariwalla, Ph.D., appears in the September issue of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. The study is extensive and hard to summarize, but it showed a substantial reduction in measures of viral activity (p24, reverse transcriptase, and syncytia formation) without toxicity to cells at concentrations of 25 to 150 mcg/ml, with the higher concentrations working better.

How much vitamin C would be needed to reach these levels in blood serum? This study did not measure blood levels, but the published paper cited measurements by others. One researcher found an average blood level of 28.91 mcg/ml after oral use of 10 grams of vitamin C. Another found that intravenous infusion of 50 grams a day led to a peak plasma level of 796 mcg/ml.

This research appears to have been carefully done; many measurements were made and the results all point in the same direction. We raised several questions, however, and gave Dr. Jariwalla a chance to respond.

One potential limitation is that this study used cultured cells and viruses, which have been bred in laboratories; recently scientists have learned that viruses and cells freshly obtained from patients can give different, and presumably more reliable, results in drug screening. In our interview, Dr. Jariwalla noted that at this time there is no evidence that strains differ in resistance to ascorbate—but that different strains have not yet been tested.

One question about the usefulness of vitamin C concerns the relatively narrow range between effective and toxic doses found in this study. Effectiveness began to be seen at 25 mcg/ml, but toxicity was found at 400 and above; half or more of the cells were killed by exposure to 400 mcg/ml or greater for four days. The therapeutic range is therefore fairly narrow; for some drugs, the corresponding ratio between effective and toxic doses is a thousand or more, compared to 16 (400 divided by 25) in this laboratory test of vitamin C.

Dr. Jariwalla notes that "although this may be so, there is no evidence of ascorbate toxicity found in human beings when large doses have been taken. The only side effect of high doses of ascorbate is a mild laxative effect. There are no reliable reports of severe ascorbate toxicity, such as acidosis or kidney stones."

Several years ago there was much interest in high-dose vitamin C as an AIDS treatment. By the end of 1987 this interest had greatly diminished, although some people continue to use the treatment today. One reason we have been skeptical of vitamin C is that if the treatment had worked well, it seems unlikely that the community would have stopped using it.

Dr. Jariwalla said that interest in vitamin C as a potential AIDS treatment had diminished for several reasons. First, the emphasis shifted to AZT and other nucleoside analogs as antivirals. Second, no clinical trials of vitamin C and AIDS got off the ground. And third, no hard scientific evidence of the effect of ascorbate on the AIDS virus was available until now.

At least two clinical trials were proposed years ago by leading AIDS researchers, but no funding was available. In a press release, the Linus Pauling Institute, which has long been interested in vitamin C, noted that they have heard "a number of reports... from AIDS patients who had taken high doses of vitamin C and had experienced a marked improvement in their condition." It is possible that results today could be better than those of several years ago, when treatment was only used late in the illness. Also, AZT and others antivirals allow combination therapies, which were not available during the time of great interest in vitamin C. The article suggests a rationale for such combinations.

We asked Dr. Jariwalla what the study suggested about an appropriate dose of vitamin C. He said other results indicate that at least 10 grams orally would be needed to obtain the minimum blood levels for antiviral effect. Higher doses can be obtained through intravenous infusion to reach plasma levels in the range found most effective in the laboratory tests. He cautioned, however, that further clinical studies are required to establish the optimum method of administration for maintain-

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Good News on ddI

A new report on the longest-running study of human use of ddI, at the U.S. National Cancer Institute, shows a very good survival rate in patients using doses of the drug which were well tolerated. A total of 58 patients were involved in the study, 22 with AIDS and 36 with related conditions; their median T-helper count when they started ddI was 47 (range 4 to 267). The survival rate after 21 months was 80 percent for patients with AIDS and 93 percent for those with symptomatic HIV infection who did not meet the definition of AIDS. (Many patients were on the study for less than 21 months, but survival to that time was estimated by the Kaplan-Meier statistical method, which is well accepted for this purpose.) The study results were published in Lancet.

How does this survival compare with that of AZT or no treatment? The Lancet article cautions that this data may not be comparable with past experience because most patients were stable when they began the study, many received pneumocystis prophylaxis, and 10 were treated with AZT while their ddI was temporarily stopped. News stories reported that earlier studies with similar patients had found about a 50 percent survival at 21 months among those treated with AZT, and 25 percent survival with no treatment; but we do not know if those figures reflect pneumocystis prophylaxis.

Other highlights of the Lancet paper:

- Of the 13 patients who received long-term (median 17 months) treatment with well-tolerated doses of ddI (no more than 9.6 mg/kg per day), mean T-helper count started at 157 and increased by 50 percent (at the time of maximum increase, after nine months of treatment). T-helper cell and p24 antigen improvements continued for some patients for up to 15 months, after which there were too few patients to draw firm conclusions.
- Patients with little or no prior treatment with AZT (no more than four months) showed much better T-helper improvements than those who had used AZT for much longer. But p24 antigen, a measure of viral activity, decreased substantially in both groups during ddI treatment. The article does not speculate on why the T-helper count increased less in patients who had had long-term use of AZT, but lead investigator Dr. Robert Yarchoan, interviewed in The Wall Street Journal, suggested that the reason may have been the effect of AZT on the bone marrow, which produces T-helper as well as other blood cells. (The AZT doses of these patients were not reported, but presumably they would have taken the "high" dose, 1200 mg, which was standard at that time, and which causes much more toxicity than the lower doses now in use.)
- Of five patients in the study who had dementia or other cognitive dysfunction, all had improved cognitive measurements after six to 12 weeks of ddI.
- Toxicities were severe at high doses of ddI, with most patients developing neuropathy, pancreatitis, or hepatitis within six months; no one died of drug effects in this study. But at doses of 3.2 to 9.6 mg/kg per day, only three of 35 patients developed any of these serious toxicities. Many patients had less severe side effects, such as insomnia, irritability, abdominal pains and headache; we do not know what doses these patients used. To reduce pancreatitis, the most serious toxicity of ddI, the researchers now "measure serum amylase and triglyceride and temporarily stop ddI when the amylase rises to 1.5-2 times the upper limit of normal or when the triglyceride concentration rises above 7 g/l; ddI is then re-instituted when the levels approach normal."

This small study does not prove that ddI is better than AZT, although the good survival rate for patients with AIDS or serious symptoms and low T-helper counts when they began the study, suggests that it might be. The important question, however, is not whether ddI is better on the average, but whether it is better for some patients. It seems clear that the answer is yes, and that the drug should be approved as a treatment option.

Does AZT Cause Lymphoma?

Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, a cancer of certain blood cells, has been associated with AIDS since early in the epidemic; published reports go back to 1982, and one article reported 90 cases in 1984. More recently physicians have seen a major increase in the number of patients with AIDS and lymphoma (which has also increased in the general population, for unknown reasons). There is concern that as treatment for pneumocystis and other opportunistic infections improves, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma could become one of the major opportunistic diseases. Most physicians suspect that the main cause of the increase in AIDS-related lymphoma is that patients are living longer today, and therefore there is more time for the disease to develop. But there are also suspicions that AZT might be contributing to the increase.

In the August 15 issue of the Annals of Internal Medicine, researchers from the U.S. National Cancer Institute published a report on AZT therapy and incidence of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. While the figures on lymphoma are indeed alarming, a close look at the paper shows less reason to worry about AZT than first impressions might suggest.

To obtain long-term data on AZT, the researchers analyzed all patient records from three early trials of the drug at the National Cancer Institute; the patients are among the first to use AZT. A total of 55 patients were included. Eight of them (14.5 percent) had developed a high-grade non-Hodgkin's B-cell (or in one case, null-cell) lymphoma, after a median of two years of AZT treatment. However, statistical projections were that 28.6 percent (of patients equally ill to begin with) would develop lymphoma by 30 months of AZT treatment, and 46.4 percent by three years. These figures do not apply to people who start AZT earlier and at lower doses today.

Clearly these results imply that lymphoma will become an increasingly serious problem. But in evaluating the risk of lymphoma, and especially the question of whether AZT has any role in causing it, other facts also presented in the paper must be considered:

- These eight patients had advanced illness before they began treatment with AZT. All had AIDS or symptomatic HIV infection, and their median T-helper count when they started treatment was 26 (range 8-135). Their median T-helper count when they developed lymphoma was six. All eight had less than 50 T-helper cells for at least five months (median time 15.3 months with a count under 50) before they developed lymphoma.

The median T-helper count for all 55 patients when they started treatment was 74 (range 0-973), compared to the median of 26 for the eight who developed lymphoma—suggesting that those with higher T-helper counts did not develop lymphoma, although they also were taking AZT.

- These results must be considered in view of the fact that even before AIDS, and certainly before the use of AZT, it was well known that immune suppression due to other causes increased the risk of lymphoma. As of 1987, over 200 cases of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma were known among persons with hereditary immune deficiencies. In addition, patients using immune suppressing drugs to control rejection after organ transplants have a high incidence of cancers, and 36 percent of those cancers were found to be non-Hodgkin's lymphomas. Immune suppression is known to cause lymphomas, without AIDS or AZT being involved.
- The lymphomas found in this study were the same kind as those generally found in AIDS, whether or not patients are taking AZT. This suggests that immune deficiency, not AZT, is more likely the cause of the lymphoma.
- If AZT did contribute to causing lymphoma, large doses would probably be more dangerous than smaller ones. All the patients in this study started AZT early, when the recommended dose was 1200 mg per day. Today most patients are using half that much or less.

At this time there seems to be a consensus among most physicians and scientists that while AZT cannot be ruled out as a cause of lymphoma, it is much more likely that the increase in this cancer is because patients with serious immune deficiency are living longer. The possibility that AZT could help cause the disease must be investigated. But meanwhile, experts are not recommending changes in treatment as a result of this study, and we have not heard of any physicians changing their practices because of it.

Vitamin C...

ing high levels of ascorbate in the blood.

Note: large doses of vitamin C are usually taken as a powder, not as pills. We asked about the different forms of the vitamin which are available. The Linus Pauling Institute sent us an information sheet which said that "Vitamin C, from Bronson Pharmaceuticals, La Canada, California, is available in the form of ascorbic acid, sodium ascorbate, calcium ascorbate, or sodium ascorbate and ascorbic acid combination." The sodium or calcium ascorbate salts are used to reduce slight acidity in the urine due to ascorbic acid. Dr. Jariwalla said that for oral use of high doses, the mixture of sodium ascorbate and ascorbic acid should be used—or calcium ascorbate for persons on a sodium-restricted diet.

We suggest that patients discuss vitamin C, or any treatment they are considering, with their physician. A nutritionist told us that some patients have sought treatment for diarrhea, not realizing that it was caused by taking too much vitamin C; until they told their physician that they were using the vitamin, the actual cause of the diarrhea was not suspected. Persons should also realize that suddenly stopping high doses of vitamin C can cause deficiency symptoms, as the body is used to the large amounts and temporarily unable to use the small amounts in the normal diet efficiently.

We also called Bonnie Broderick, R.D., M.P.H., who is HIV nutritionist for the early intervention project of the Santa Clara Department of Public Health. She was concerned that large doses of vitamin C could interact with other nutrients, especially vitamin B12 and copper, possibly causing deficiency symptoms of those nutrients. She also referred us to a chart in Nutrition Action Healthletter, October 1987, which listed possible adverse effects of high doses of vitamin C; the chart is based on a book, The Right Dose: How to Take Vitamins and Minerals Safely, by Patricia Hausman, M.S., published by Rodale Press, Emmaus, Pennsylvania, 1987. Because of the possibility of adverse effects, she is not recommending high-dose vitamin C until clinical trials have shown an antiviral effect or other benefit in people.

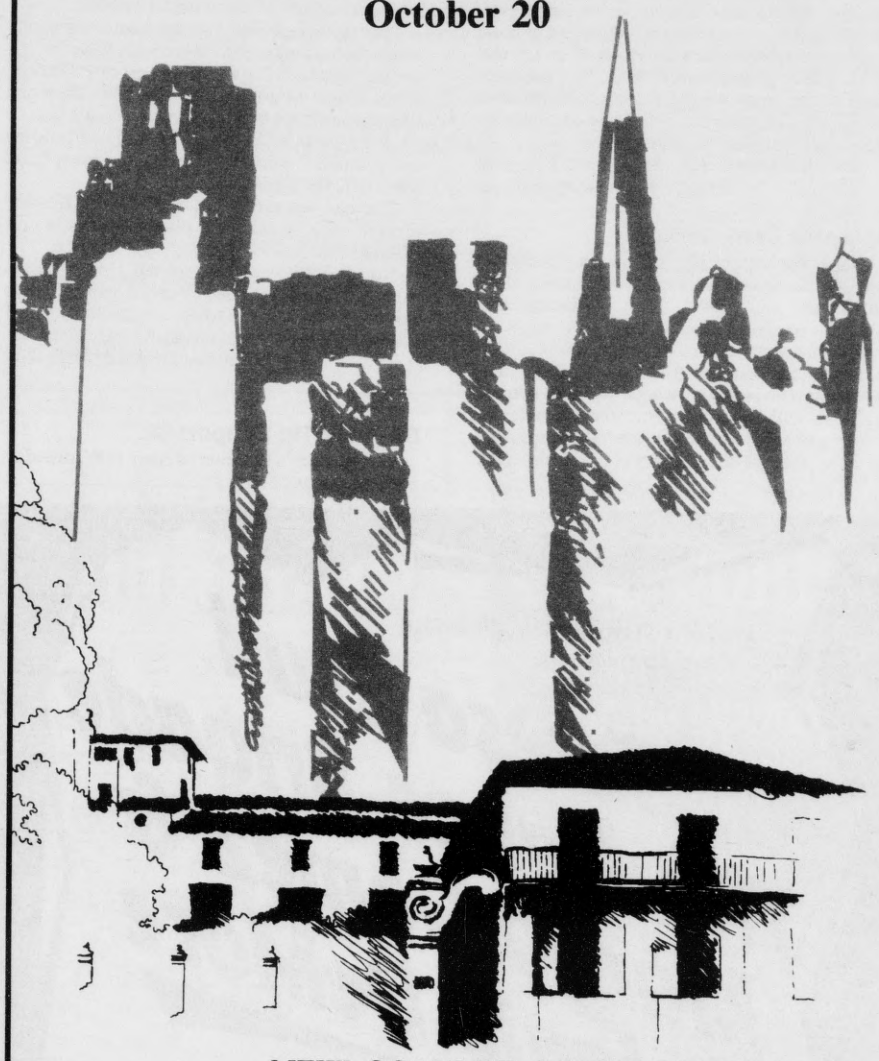
We asked Dr. Jariwalla what he thought would be the next step in organizing studies. (Financing, of course, is a major requirement; the Linus Pauling Institute study was funded by private donations, and by the Japan Shipbuilding Industry Foundation; research grants will be sought for further studies.) Dr. Jariwalla replied that two main avenues are being explored. First, the Linus Pauling Institute is inviting researchers at hospitals, clinics, community-based organizations, etc., to start clinical studies. The Institute itself does not do clinical trials, but can collaborate with others who initiate them. And second, the Linus Pauling Institute has urged the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases to undertake clinical studies. Dr. Jariwalla says that, "the new evidence provides a strong scientific basis to conduct clinical trials of vitamin C in AIDS."

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Letters...

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The "Semi-Pseudo God-like Creatures" letter flabbergasted me as much as the original "Therapist Shopping..." did (Aug. 1990). "I'm the one feeling ripped off, no compassion from someone who is in the caring business," she says here. Psychotherapy is not a business of "taking care" in the literal sense. It's *therapy*. Like physical therapy is healing for the body, psychotherapy is healing for the mind. Your therapist is a health professional, not your grandma. Many, many people seek therapy to get on with growing up; to develop inner security and personal strength. For this reason, if for no other, it is no favor to the client to distort the reality of the adult world by saying, "There, there, now. These responsibilities are just too much for you. I'll take care of this bill for you."

Women and men in need can find quality, low fee therapy at places like "Operation Concern" and other reputable agencies where interning therapists are well supervised. Reading through the *S.F. Bay Times,* I see many worthy low and sliding scale services advertised. Fees paid to non-profit agencies are vital to keeping the services alive. For this fiscal year, state and local public health monies have been decimated leaving agencies like "Operation Concern" in serious jeopardy. Affordable health care, including mental health care, is a serious issue for all of us. Instead of "boycotting" lesbian therapists, let's put some constructive, grown-up type energy into preserving the services that make therapy available to everyone regardless of ability to pay.

That Damned Elitist Lesbian Therapist
(Name withheld by request)

Rampant Rent-An-Ear

I agree that therapy is a free market activity and that one can charge whatever one chooses. (*S.F. Bay Times,* Aug. 1990) Going to therapy is a popular recreation around here, so there is no shortage of people around who are willing to cash in. How many people will actually tolerate listening to another garble on about one's own inane problems without a hefty transfer of money?

The problem began in the late '60s when social scientists, therapists, and other providers received fat government allotments; thus pushed their bounties to include more people entitled to receive therapy benefits. Now the demand has increased while providers are less able to deliver.

I say to "Shopping" that there are cheap clinics around which offer limited services. Why doesn't she get together with a self-help group? Therapy is not a right or a necessity. It is a luxury much like the purchase of a facial massage or a hottub sit. Why doesn't "Shopping" simply write down her problems, think them over, and learn from life itself, the Great Teacher?

One can see that there is too much therapy around here, a rampant plague of ear-mouth disease!

No, I don't want to see all those lesbian therapists give up their Volvos, comfortable homes, fashionable clothes, health clubs, etc. If others want to rent an expensive ear, go to it!

Another Berkeley Bush-liver

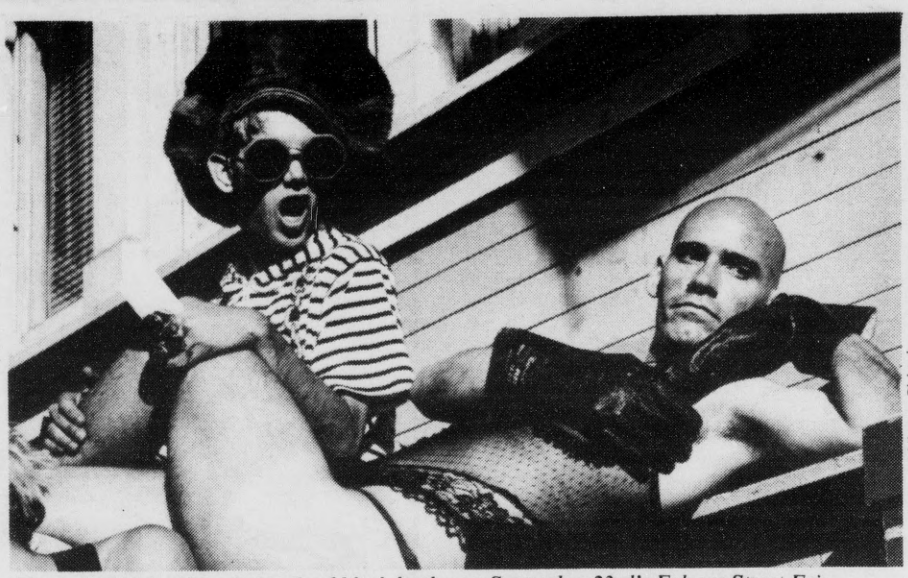


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The sun glinted off herds-worth of black leather at September 23rd's Folsom Street Fair.

Gay Men Do Support Us

The Women's Building opened its Wednesday evening Support Group for Women with HIV Disease on May 15, 1990 without any active funding. It made sense—the need was there. On Saturday evening, Aug. 25 Tatiana & Company did the first benefit for women with HIV. Every bar I called (deliberately men's bars) gladly donated whatever I asked of them. I would like to thank and acknowledge them: The Eagle; The Mint; The Galleon; The Motherlode. Thank you to Randall Schiller Productions who provided marvelous sound and lights; Steve Lessure and Michael Wright for decorating, delivering and so much more; Donald Fehrenbach for the lovely brochures and flyers; Audrey Joseph and Charlene MacFerrin for tending bar and their much-needed laughter and Mr. Marcus for his column—and the men and women who were there, enjoyed the show and helped raise $300.00 for the support group.

For many weeks this column has been full of letters, castigating the community of gay men for their lack of support for women's issues and events. You have to ask to receive. The most overwhelming fact on Aug. 25 was the lack of women at this event—despite flyers and mailings and listings in the B.A.R. and the Sentinel. HIV Disease is "US"—not "THEM." Some of the women in the support group have been (and still are) caregivers—some are mothers—most are professional women who now need and deserve compassion and support. Without our gay brothers this first, much needed, event would not have happened. There is, really, no time for divisiveness—we can only fight this pandemic together.

For the past ten years I have been completely involved in the struggle for quality of life for people living with AIDS, in Washington, D.C., New York, Copenhagen, Vienna and San Francisco. The many men I laughed with, cried with, held in my arms at the end, told me over and over "remember what you see—make it easier for those who follow"...how ironic that men taught me to be there for women—to make the path a bit smoother for women.

Tatiana & Company (Nicole, Lady Bobette, Red, Cher, Ava and of course, Tatiana) you never looked lovelier or performed better. Larry, Deborah, Andy, Nova—thank you all—from so many women. And where were the rest of you?

Bea Roman
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"Female-Innocent-Victim" Power Trip

My question is this: if lesbians are more compassionate than gay men why is it so important to them that they persuade gay men that this is so? I've seen a lot of lesbian "heart bragging" in the gay press lately—lots of subtle and not so subtle statements that AIDS has proved lesbians to be a kinder and gentler people than gay men. But it seems to me that the business of compassionate people is not to go around trying to make other groups feel worse about themselves. Compassionate people want as much compassion in the world as possible. To get this they don't belittle others by pointing out their perceived lack of it. They applaud them for whatever ways in which they are compassionate. I haven't seen lesbians do this. All they seem to do is to trot out that age-old "female-innocent-victim" power trip that says: "Our womanly goodness is more than you deserve, why don't you appreciate us more for it?" This kind of covert emotional extortion is even more hurtful since all you do hear these days is how wonderful lesbians are to have done anything at all about AIDS. And even worse than that is this whole "lesbians with cancer vs. AIDS" ploy. It's hard to believe, but it appears that the right-wing isn't alone in its attempt to make political gains out of someone else's disease. And apparently they're not alone when it comes to distorting facts either. Even though you'll never hear about it from lesbians, it's true that gay men get at least as much non-AIDS cancer as do lesbians. WE, however, also have AIDS.

By the way in San Francisco AIDS is a problem which is infinitely worse for gay men than all lesbian concerns rolled into one are for lesbians. Political correctness be damned—this is the reality that cries out. Why can't we say it? Fifty percent of lesbians aren't infected with a murderous virus. Why do gay men have a gag on when it comes to just speaking out this all important fact? Are we unconsciously trying to protect these women? Please! Are we afraid we'll burst their feminist bubble? (Are we afraid we'll burst OUR feminist bubble?) We need to ease our psychological situation and just say it. Even shout it. Fifty percent of lesbians aren't infected with a murderous virus, 50 percent of gay men are. Do we think they're too frail to hear the full force of our rage? If so, let's get over that one.

The point is, this is one fact that we shouldn't be timid about jarring people with: 50 percent of gay men are infected with a murderous virus. Virtually nothing else even comes close to the seriousness of such a situation for a group of people. How could "compassionate" people say otherwise? Has feminism totally blinded lesbians to the full scope of the reality *right under their noses?* They seem asleep at the ideological wheel here. When are gay men ever going to stand up to such women? We have the right to do so. We are not bad people.

And we're not stupid people either. I think it's time we stopped being perfect gentlemen about all this. We don't deserve lies of omission about cancer rates between men and women and we don't need diatribes and agendas about the inferiority of our maleness. We deserve the same human dignity as anyone else. In fact not only do we deserve it, right now we absolutely need it!

Michael Golden
San Francisco

Graffiti Crap

Judy Helfand (Letters, September 1990) complains that the "It's not right to write" message against graffiti on buses "drives me crazy" because, she says, it is clearly addressed to children of color.

Indeed, her letter reveals the fragility of her mental processes. She declares that "middle-aged white men dominate" the culture—a simplistic statement that she leaves unsupported, with culture undefined—and "listening to them has resulted in poverty, pollution and war"—another simplistic statement that ignores the complexities of behavior, history and economics.

She realizes that graffiti are "destruction of property" but that "destruction of people is far worse than destruction of property." She fails to note that a lesser crime is nevertheless still a crime. She encourages children of color to express themselves in graffiti, not only their initials but also "a poem, a story, a volume" which, if not published in the "mainstream media," should be written on a bus.

Who would want to read this crap? The graffiti reveal little animals who have no message, unless it is to identify a gang affiliation or to express a profanity. Poem, story, volume? Who is Helfand trying to fool? These creatures couldn't write a grocery list. Instead of encouraging them to stay in school, where they might learn something about language—and responsible social behavior—she urges them to deface buses.

These vandalized buses belong as much to me as to Helfand or any of her little vandals. It is my tax money that goes toward cleaning them up. It would be instructive to Helfand if she and the kiddies were put to work scrubbing away the mess; they might learn that the defacing was not such a marvelous idea after all.

Further, Helfand is encouraging people to degrade the city environment even more. If she wants to encourage visual pollution, let her provide wall space inside her home for the little monsters and their great messages. Then the rest of us will be spared, and she can revel in all their profound "writings." The "It's not right to write" message will not be needed on buses, and Helfand may regain her sanity.

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WHAT'S GOING DOWN

BY LOUISE RAFKIN

Pump Up The Volume

Perhaps the question now is: What isn't going down? We've got troops ready and willing to make war for big oil, we've maybe got ourselves a *swell* new Supreme Court judge, and summer is over. October, which might feature well in your memories from last year's rumble and roll, is no longer a favorite around here, and so I've picked up stakes and moved East again. P-town here I come. Just in time for the Fantasia Fair. Cross dressers, mostly straight and with their wives, descend on the tiny beach town for the annual conference which offers seminars in nail grooming as well as a panel on "What is a *real* woman?"

Those desert colors are oh-so-courant: The **ever-vigilant** *Star* was on track in the Mideast last month, featuring a fashion spread on the women soldiers in Saudi. Okay, it got me to buy the rag. These women looked great. Hair: cut and permed. Jaunty T's and camouflaged trousers tucked into combat boots. (Phranc: watch out; your style's being nabbed.) One delightful gal had a scarf wrapped loosely under her hat—*tres sheik*—we understand it's designed to keep the sheiks away. Even in the heat, our gals have to keep limbs and legs covered lest they offend the locals. Our service women have been advised not to speak unless spoken to, and they can't leave base without a male escort. Somehow I can't imagine this lends them much respect from their cotroopers.

Anyway, the *Star* spread was so well photographed I almost felt I was reading a *Glamour* mag featuring an exotic local for the new paramilitary fall fashion. And those of us from the old combat boot military dyke days will cringe to see just how close we came to looking army-esque. But, hey, we would never have had those perms...

Speaking of revival, not of fashion either. Miss Orange Bowl herself is back on track; yup, Anita Bryant. A very sympathetic Entertainment Tonight got the gal to talk about how badly she was hurt by the adverse publicity around her campaign against queers back in the '70s. She lost her husband (sniff), her career (heavens!), her status as a once runner-up to Miss America (not that!). "No one suffered more from her outspoken views than Anita Bryant," quipped the commentator. Sure, just ask Harvey or any of a hundred others...

Anyway, Anita claims that what she did then was "right" and that now she is ready to take charge of her life again. For those who wonder what this could possibly mean, the 50-year-old Anita is now married to her childhood sweetheart, and appearing on the 700 Club television show. She's also produced a new album.

What to do? Boycott what? Hope she'll go away? We should be so lucky!

Movie Madness: Lest anyone saw anything last month besides *Wild at Heart* (which this nonreviewer can't say she enjoyed—I was hiding behind my pal Rita's shoulder half the time—do I really need to see someone decapitated? Hmmm...) What about the dreary dyke character in *May Fools*? Kinda sweet, kinda cliché, kinda interesting (the single band of black leather on the bed, the liberal girlfriend deserting her for the politically rabid lad...) But did the dyke have to have a "tragic limp? Seemed a bit much that.

But my favorite: *Pump up the Volume.* National Public Radio called it a "youth anthem," and if the audience at the screening I was at is any indication, I'd say that was true. Anyway, in this one there's a gay high school student who tries to tell his story and he's met with understanding and compassion—at least from the main hero (swoon!). And I reckon this kinda stuff is swell, targeted as it is to the youth of today. Especially after reading the responses the East Bay's Pacific Center gets to its visiting speakers.

Each month the Pacific Center sends out brave women and men into schools, prisons, hospitals and other such "institutions," where they talk candidly of being gay. Wow. Brave, eh? I read some of the feedback letters these folks get, and it's rough out there. East Bay high school students who think we are sick, others who really can't understand it. Lots of dissent out there folks, lest you didn't already know it. So a movie like *Pump* which talks to these very same youths is a great help. Cheer it on...

No, I don't subscribe: Yes, I do read it though. I'm talking about *"EF"—Executive Female* don't you know? Just up my line, huh, me without a career at this late stage of the game. Anyway, this month's issue revealed the results of a new Virginia Slims poll which showed that nearly 50 percent of women workers believe that "Most men are basically selfish and self-centered." That's a rise from 30 percent in 1970. Nearly 60 percent of the women polled said that "Most men find it necessary for their egos to keep women down" and "most men think only their own opinions about the world are important." Again, this is an increase from the 1970 poll.

And *still* more: In 1970, 20 percent *more* women felt that "Most men are basically kind and gentle." Gadz. So waddya think girls—the feminist movement had some impact after all?

Gal gossip and dish: Yes, Sandra Bernhard *is* involved with a man. But who cares? Sharon Gless is gonna be on Monday nights! (If it's anything like the pilot, we're in trouble.) Tyne: We'll *always* miss you. And *Ms* is back—though it's hard to say for how long. This month's "collector's issue" didn't bowl me over.

My pen's as dry as the hills, it seems: Sometimes it feels as though everything is so queer—not to mention odd—that nothing needs comment. Gal-pals-o-mine are reading personals again, getting into the fall shift, shuffle and swing. Seems like everyone is country dancing, and/or having babies. My two teen-aged desert tortoises—Butch and Scout—are holing up for winter and a five-month long nap. I'm turning thoughts to turning leaves and planning a trip to Geraldo!-land: my new book on children of lesbians comes out next month. *Different Mothers* is a difficult read, heart-warming as well as heart-wrenching. Parenting is no easy issue. It will be interesting to see the response, both in our community and the land-at-large.

I suspect my column might become more erratic this winter. I've been writing this kind of business for over five years now, and sometimes I'm finding my own self so boring that god knows how you find me. I'll be in touch though. And on Halloween I'll be—once again—the one in the cheerleader's outfit.

Here's to a safe and sane October—no rocking and rolling this year, OK?

P.S. Re: ***Postcards from the Edge:*** What did you make of that pink triangle on Meryl Streep /Carrie Fisher's jean jacket?

P.P.S. (or P.M.S.): Did you catch Barbara Walters on 20/20 (or should we call it 90/10?). Her discussion on clothing designers who had died of AIDS left her with the question: "Why is it that homosexuals are so creative?" She asked the experts to no avail. Keep tuned.

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ASTROLOGY

BY JACK FERTIG

The Plural of "Quincunx"?

Ready for more than the usual weirdness? A lot more? This month Neptune begins a long quincunx to Jupiter (which means that they will be about 150 degrees apart on the zodiacal elliptic. This will last through January.) Mars is also quincunx to Neptune.

To put it together, let's look at what these planets mean.... Neptune rules oil, Mars is of course the planet of aggression, and Jupiter is grandiosity and opportunity. Quincunxes signal "adjustment," but not resolution. Clearly, there will be a major realignment of forces around the Persian Gulf situation, but real changes will be at the beginning of November, and this will play out through the winter.

(Iraq and George Bush both have very favorable horoscopes. No conflict there. Both needed a military adventure to justify continued military expenditures, maintenance of security state apparatus, and suppression of internal dissidents. Saudi Arabia, Syria, Jordan and Egypt are all in the same position. This whole "crisis" is a ridiculous set-up, easily revealed by any study of this region's history.)

Confusion, deception, grandiosity, and saber-rattling tend to play out on the personal stage as well as the world stage. Of course you could consciously choose to act in different ways. As Neptune in Capricorn indicates spiritual (or religious) authority and responsibility,
we can expect a lot of *very* pushy fundies, and "evangelistic" drives. Take care to note I'm using "evangelistic" as a descriptive adjective. Small "e." Denomination has nothing to do with this. You too could find yourself enthusiastically promoting THE TRUE PATH when you intend only to describe your true path.

As enthusiasm for transcendence now exceeds sensible observation of barriers, all you kids with the red and black hankies should be *very* careful!

And speaking of "hitting bottoms," a lot of people will reach some very loud finales to their drinking and drugging careers.

And finally, Jupiter-Neptune aspects, according to the textbooks, signal lots of rain. This one hits California's chart in a rather wet way.

SUN SIGNS

ARIES: It's true. Your opinion is worth a great deal. Perhaps, all the more reason to keep it locked up in a safe place. You may take pride in the fact that there is no shutting you up, but be very careful to keep your discussions (and yes, arguments are inevitable this month!) open minded and purposeful. Take your questions to a spritual authority. Yes, feel free to argue, but with an open mind and eagerness to learn.

TAURUS: You're a bit too eager to push your limits and could all too easily get into big trouble. You need to test your limits, but try to work that through around your emotional and personal boundaries, not in physical risk taking. You're sure to get hurt either way. Just be sure it happens in a way that you can pick yourself up from a lesson well learned. You can minimize the risk by always allowing yourself a way out of whatever you let yourself into. Flexibility was never your strong suit, but it will come in very handy if you can practice it.

GEMINI: You've been angry with yourself over something (probably about money) and will find it much too easy to blow up at someone you're involved with. S/he may deserve a fraction of your anger, but no more, and probably not even that. Communications are very important now, but your verbal skills don't come as easily as usual. You are, in fact, going through an odd intuitive period—rather disconcerting to such a rational sort as yourself. When in doubt, you probably *are* being paranoid. Remember to talk it out.

CANCER: You're feeling pressure to achieve, but be very careful not to overdo it. Overexertion can jeopardize your health—especially now. Expecting too much of yourself and pushing too hard at work can make you especially tough to get along with. It's a sure recipe for dissatisfaction and no surer way to become an impossible bitch. When your friends ask what's wrong, ask yourself the same question. Try not to snap, and be ready to apologize. Exercise is as good for the soul as it is for the bod, but easy does it!

LEO: Well, aren't we just exquisitely creative and wonderful these days? It's true, your creative juices are gushing right now, but don't get too full of yourself! Your natural effusiveness and optimism can lead you to overreach and overpromise. Your eagerness leads you to set goals that are impossible. You could make yourself (or someone else!) crazy with your efforts to keep up with your impossible dream. Gauge your energies carefully.

VIRGO: Your mind is racing, and the future is waiting for you to reach out and grab it. What doubts and anxieties from your childhood are holding you back? Family secrets or inhibitions from your religious background are rising from below the surface of your consciousness. It could be very helpful to visit a church or synagogue of your family's denomination and take a closer look at what kind of baggage you're carrying around from your early days. This will—at first—just raise more questions and uncertainty. Answers and insights will come later.

LIBRA: Valuing clean, effective relationships, as you do, you place a high premium on clear communications. Lately you've tended to be a bit less rational and more poetic. That's all right—usually—but now you come to a time when you seem to be struggling to say exactly what you want. Sexual issues need to be expressed, and once that's open all else moves a bit easier, but you'll find more of your private side coming out more openly than you'd like. Some of it will be distorted. Don't be distressed. Anything that gets out and is nobody's business you can dismiss as absurd rumors. Or, "I can't imagine where you heard that. People of good breeding," you may say, "never discuss such things." *Happy Birthday, Michael and Arthur!*

SCORPIO: Money continues to be a sore point with you. It hasn't been easy, but it's generally been as discreetly problematic as you like your problems to be. Now it's out and your troubles become public knowledge. Arguing with your partner does not help. In fact, your challenge this month is to learn to open up and share in finding a solution. Au contraire. That sounds simple, but not for such a private person as yourself. A vacation beckons siren-like, inviting you to get away from your troubles, but that's an expensive way to delay dealing with your financial problems.

SAGITTARIUS: Feeling a bit confused? Uncertain about things? Two coping mechanisms come imediately to mind. Lots of hard work, and/or a mad sex spree. Either way you'll probably be running around in tight little circles and finding yourself just as frustrated at the end of it. Donating time and energy to a charity provides a deeper satisfaction, helps you to feel more worthwhile, provides a focus and offers social opportunities. You are gifted with unusual empathy and humor which can be well applied to a good cause.

CAPRICORN: These days there's a lot of personal stuff coming up out of your past—a psychic version of regurgitation. It's good for you, but not pretty or fun. Creative enterprises, hobbies or artistic expression will help you to release. Your partner will also (perhaps unwittingly) trigger some of this process. Resist the temptation to isolate. You could trick yourself by hiding in a crowd. Concentrate on sharing your time and yourself with someone who really cares.

AQUARIUS: Your hopes and expectations are more than a little unrealistic, as well you know! Arguments at home and misspent efforts at work drive the point viciously to the mark. Do not give up hope, but rather adapt your goals. You could

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1 ■ MONDAY

"Look Good, Feel Better", free program designed to help cancer patients deal with the physical changes that sometimes occur while undergoing radiation or chemotherapy. 1-4 pm at Davies Medical Ctr, Castro & Duboce, SF. Both men & women welcome. Get advice on makeup application, grooming, wig & hair styling with Zenzi Cook of Zenzi's Beauty College. Complimentary cosmetics provided. In the Conference Room B-2-B3 (North Tower), Davies Med Ctr. Info/reg: 565-6003.

Demo to Mark the Supreme Court's Fall Term Opening: this term the court hears the title X case that imposes a gag order on clinics that receive federal family planning funds. Demo also commemorates the deaths by unsafe abortions of Becky Bell (due to parental consent laws) and Rosie Jimenez (due to federal Medical cuts). Spons by the SF Bay Area Pro-Choice Coalition (255-1989) and Bay Area Coalition for Our Reproductive Rights (BACORR, 626-5510). 5:30 pm at the New State Bldg, McAllister & Van Ness Ave, SF.

Gay Men's Sketch/Castro: Drop-in male nude figure drawing for all skill levels. This week modeling by bodybuilder Jim Rueth. 7-10 pm, $12. MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Rm 205. Info: 621-6294.

Make your reservations now for "Isn't It Romantic?", a formal dinner dance for the lesbian & gay communitysee 10/19.

Writer's Wkshop for Women Over 50, spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Meets 7-9 pm tonight & 10/8, 15, 22 & 29 at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: Eileen McCann, LCSW, author of *The Two Step*, examines the patterns of power & distance as played out in the dance of intimacy. Learn how to move toward & away from intimacy in non-destructive ways. 7:30 pm, free. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

"The Women of My Father's House," by Carter W Lewis. Last reading of this Upstart Stage-developed script before the West Coast premiere in Nov. 7:30 pm $5 donation. At La Val's Subterranean Cafe, 1834 Euclid, Berkeley.

Film Noir, a completely improvised tribute to the hard-boiled detective films of the 1930's & 40's, produced by Bay Area Theatresports (BATS). BATS takes the 3 D's of film noir—danger, duplicity & death—and places them in a world of extremes—the glamorous & seedy, familiar & mysterious, beautiful & dangerous. 8 pm, $10. New Performance Gallery, 3153 17th St, SF. Info/res: 824-8220.

Business Journalist Moira Johnston discusses *Roller Coaster: The Bank of America & the Future of American Banking*. Narrates the decline of B of A in the 1980s, and its recovery. Johnston analyzes how a catastrophe even greater than the S&L crisis could occur unless America's banking system is reformed. 8 pm at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.

Butano State Park Car Camping Trip with SF Hiking Club: early sign-up required, see 10/5 for details.

Hospice by the Bay Volunteer Training: application deadline for fall training is today. Join a volunteer support team taking care of persons living with illness. You're needed! Call 673-2020. Training conducted on 10/5-7.

2 ■ TUESDAY

Aikido Morning Classes at James Howell Studio, 66 1/2 Sanchez St at 4th, SF. Work individually & with partners to develop your ability to experience & express yourself skillfully, remain clam & steady in the midst of conflict, remain open & fluid in a context of opposing forces. Tues & Thurs, 10/2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25 & 30. 7-8:30 pm. $5 per class. All welcome. Info: Cress Forester 826-2135.

QSM CLass: Rope Harness with Piercing Sculpture. John Ferrari creates a rope harness, then ties kite string from the submissive's piercings to an external point. Men & women of all sexual orientations are welcome, over 21 only. Part of QSM's educational & artistic series for the s/m community. Doors open at 7 pm, class from 7:30-10 pm. $15. Upstairs at 1354 Harrison at 9th St, SF. Info: QSM 428-1321.

BACW Marin Planning Mtg: 7 pm. For info/directions call Tor, 453-2912. BACW Marin provides events in Marin County for Bay Area Career Women members & guests.

"Living & Teaching in the Absence of a Teacher," talk by Swami Shuddhananda Brahmachari, founder of Lakenath Divine Life Mission, Bageshwar, India; whose purpose is to perpetuate the work of Baba Lakenath. 7 pm, free. Amron Metaphysical Ctr, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.

Susan Trott, author of *Sightings, Don't Tell Laura* and *The Housewife & the Assassin* reads from her new novel, *The Exception*. 7:30 pm at Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.

Composers, Inc present "Concert I" tonight at the Green Room, Veterans War Memorial, 401 Van Ness Ave at McAllister, SF. Program: "Six New Etudes" by George Perle, "Fantasy Etudes" by Fred Lehrdahl, "Patterns for Harp" by David Sheinfeld, "Missa Brevis" by Vivian Fine. 8 pm, $10 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs. Info: 657-2138.

Journalist James Conway discusses his new book, *Napa: The Story of An American Eden*. Book traces the immigrant roots of wine-making in Napa from pre-Prohibition to the chic, cultural status of today's vineyards. Wine-tasting precedes this event (of course!) at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. 8 pm, Info: 845-7852.

Comics Paul Krassner & Tom Ammiano team up for a night of laughs to benefit Ammiano's campaign for SF School Board. 8 pm, $15-20. Josie's Cabaret & Juice Joint, 3583 16th St, SF. Info: 861-7933. See you there!

Jazz All-Star Night at Kimball's: noted Bay Area jazz artists John Handy & Class, Jon Jang, and the *New World Trio* perform to benefit Mabel Teng's race for the SF Community College Governing Board. 8:30 pm, $20 gen'l, $50 sponsors, $100 hosts. 300 Grove St, SF. Info: 982-1003.

Electric City lesbian, gay, bisexual TV airs tonight & 10/9. 16, 23 & 30 in the Southbay. 10 pm on cable channel 30. Info: 861-7131.

3 ■ WEDNESDAY

Discovery Discussion Group for Older Gay Men: today's topic—"What Everyone Knows About You, But Nobody Says!" 2:15 pm. 333 Turk St, SF. 2nd fl. Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Info: 626-7000. Also see 10/17.

"Lighten Up!" a comprehensive weight management program spons by UCSF Recreation Dept. Wednesdays tonight thru 12/12, 5:15-6:45 pm, $150. UCSF Millberry Fitness Ctr, 500 Parnassus Ave, SF. Info/res: 476-1115.

New College's Latin American Studies program presents a panel discussion on the prospects of peace in El Salvador & Guatemala. Discussion with Aronet Diaz, current member of the negotiating team for peace in El Salvador, and president of the Nacionalist Democratic Unity Party-UDN. 766 Valencia St, SF. 6-9 pm, free. Info: 626-0884.

QSM Class: Ask the Therapist, with William Henkin, MFCC. Do s/m people have more issues around power & abuse than vanilla folks do? What can you reasonably expect a therapist to do for you? Ask your questions in an s/m positive environment. Part of QSM's artistic & educational programs for the s/m community. Men & women of all sexual orientations are welcome. Doors open at 7 pm, class 7:30-10 pm at 1354 Harrison at 9th, SF. $12. Info: QSM 428-1321.

Eve with the Board of Ed Candidates for the SF Unified School District, spons by the League of Women Voters-SF. Each of the 10 candidates speak for 3 minutes of intro, then respond to a moderated series of questions, followed by questions from the floor. 7-8:30 pm at Wallenberg High School, 40 Vega St, SF. Info: 775-VOTE. Free.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: Heather Hughes-Calero speaks on demystifying shamanism. Learn how to spot signs, signals & warnings in your life. Hughes-Calero is the author of *Women Between the Wind*, an account of her training with a Sioux Medicine Woman. 7 pm, $10. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

SF Hiking Club Monthly Mtg & Social: 7:30 pm at Eureka Valley Rec Ctr, on Collingwood nr 18th St, behind Cala Market. See the highly-praised video, *Secrets of the Bay*. Also this mtg is the deadline for sign-up for Butano State Park Car Camping Trip, see 10/5 listing for details.

Two Nuns & Women's Right to Choose: Barbara Ferraro & Patricia Hussey discuss *No Turning Back: Two Nuns' Battle with the Vatican Over Women's Right to Choose*. Book reveals "how much courage lies behind the neutral little word 'choice'." 7:30 pm at Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.

Electric City, lesbian, gay, bi TV airs in SF tonight and 10/10, 17, 24 & 31; bringing the antics, education & activism of our community into your own home. Info: 861-7131.

Funny Gay Males: trio of comics from NY—Jaffe Cohen, Danny McWilliams & Bob Smith—with three different, "howlingly funny" views of the world. 8 pm, $10, plays nightly thru 10/7, with two shows on 10/5 & 6 at Josei's Cabaret & Juice Joint, 3583 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-7933. Don't miss!

Ladies Against Women: an eve of hilarious social & political commentary at La Pena with comic Karen Ripley & friends of the Plutonium Players. Fundraiser for the Rent Board candidacy of Selma Spector, a 10-year Plutonium Player. 8 pm, $7. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.

Della Davidson Dance Co 1990 home season series opens tonight. Runs Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm thru 10/6 at Theater Artaud, 450 Florida St at 17th, SF. Tix: $12 Wed & Thurs, $14 Fri & Sat. Thurs night benefit performance includes reserved seating & pre-show reception, $25. Info: 621-7797.

Bilingual Volunteer Training at SF Suicide Prevention begins today. Professional training & supervision given to bilingual volunteers, who then answer Crisis Line calls for 4 hours per week. Interested? Call 752-4866 for details.

Roberta Rocks the House: a fundraising gala at Club Q featuring live music, comedians & dancing to benefit the Roberta Achtenberg Campaign for SF Supervisor. Features Mc JoAnn Loulan, comics Marga Gomez, Karen Williams, Diane Amos, Maureen Brownsey & Lisa Geduldig. Live music with *The Blazing Redheads* and *The Kurv & Kaylan*. Organized by Page Hodel, Club Q Mixtress. 7:30 pm, $6-15 SL. People of all genders are welcome!

Comedy at El Rio with Sandy Van, Scott Capurro, Shan Carr & Bridget Burke. 9 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Electric City Gay TV airs at 9:30 pm on Cable Channel 47 in Oakland, Piedmont & Emeryville; Cable 59 in Alameda, and Cable 29 in Berkeley. Tonight & 10/17.

"Take the Torture Out of Tests," an hour-long presentation by Kimberly Kassner. Learn how to use your imagination & have fun in the learning process with Kassner, who presents workshops to improve recall & shorten study time. Noon, free. Conlan Hall, City College of SF. Spons by City College lecture series. Info: 239-3580.

4 ■ THURSDAY

Nick Cave signs copies of his first novel, *And The Ass Saw The Angel*. "A neosurrealistic romp through the South of his lively & sensuous imagination." 7:30 pm at Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.

Knee & Ankle Class spons by UCSF Recreation Dept. Learn exercises, common causes of pain, care of acute injuries. Thursdays, tonight thru 10/11, 5:30-7 pm, $35. UCSF Millbery Fitness Ctr, 500 Parnassus Ave, SF. Info: 476-1115.

Aikido Morning Class: see 10/2.

"Aromatics As A Viable Health Tool in the 1990s," a talk with aromatherapist Victoria Edwards. Discussion of aromatic herbal lore, nutrition & massage as tools for preventive health maintenance. Part of Planetree Health Recourse Ctr's annual Fall Health Lecture Series. 7-9 pm, $6. 2040 Webster St at Sacramento, SF. Info: Planetree 923-3680.

"Housebuilding/Remodeling: A Survey of Residential Construction Techniques," 17-session class spons by the Owner Builder Ctr. Includes info on earthquake retrofitting. Taught by Bob McKensie, Curt Burbick & John Decker. 7-10 pm. Call 848-6860 for info/res.

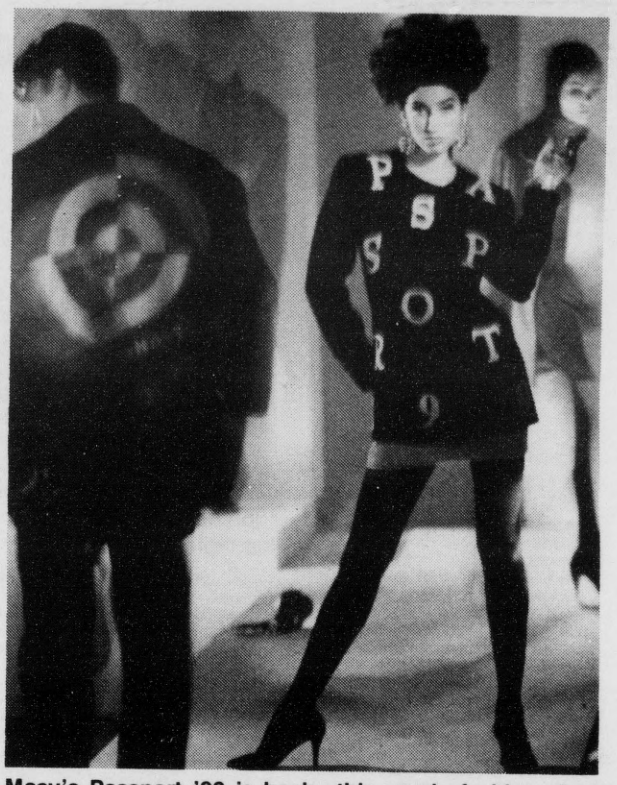
At Old Wives Tales Bookstore: Author Nona Casper reads from her new book, *Voyages Out 2: Lesbian Short Fiction*. 7:30 pm, everyone welcome. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4676.

Vocalists/Guitarists Class taught by songwriter/performer Judi Friedman. Balance your skills in a class designed to nurture, strengthen & inspire your abilities in both areas. Meets 6 alternative Thurs, 7:30-9:30 pm in SF. $140-160. For location/info/reg: 668-9221.

James Welch, author of *The Death of Jim Lonely, Winter in the Blood*, and *Fools Crow*, reads from his new novel, *The Indian Lawyer*. Novel portrays "the hard chore & exacting cost of remaining human in the face of crushing costs." 7:30 pm at Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.

Macy's Passport '90 is back! Don't miss Macy's 8th Annual Fall Fashion Show. This year's bash benefits AIDS organizations. Today & tmw at Ft Mason Center, SF. Pier 3. For info call 393-3455.

Latin American Music Concert at La Pena with Jackeline Rago, Erika Luckett & special guests. Music from Venezuela, Brazil & Cuba. 8 pm, $6. 3105 Shattuck



Macy's Passport '90 is back—this year's fashion show benefits several AIDS groups. See Oct 4 for details.

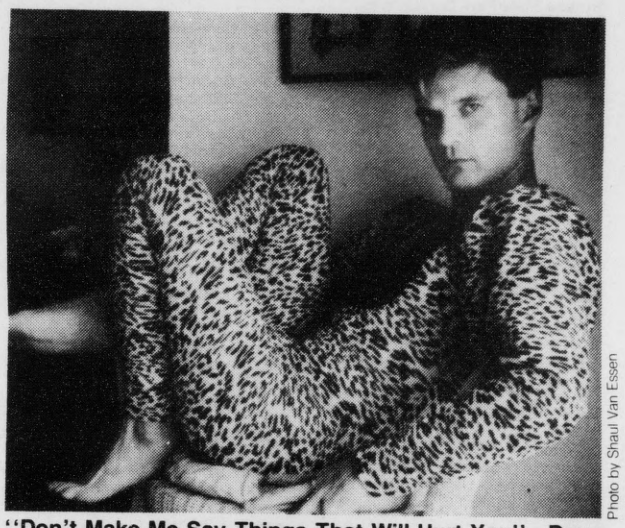


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"Don't Make Me Say Things That Will Hurt You"—Doug Holsclaw's latest work opens at Josie's Cabaret Oct 11.

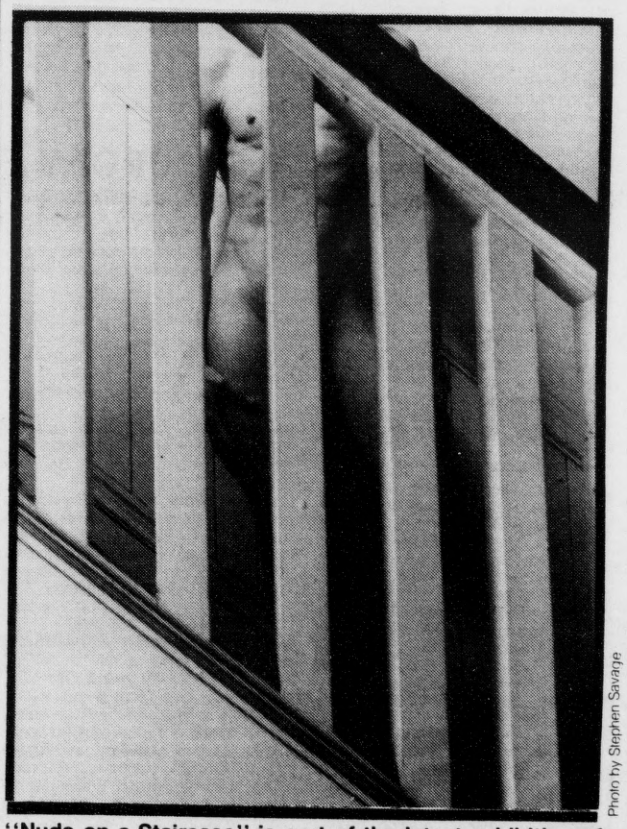


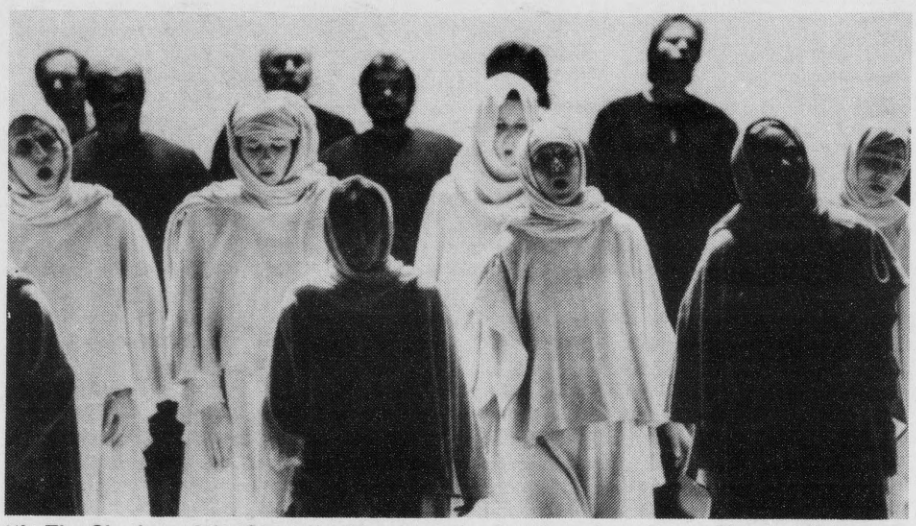
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"Nude on a Staircase" is part of the latest exhibition of works by photographer Stephen Savage. Galleries has info.

Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.
Cocktail Party at El Rio with Shock Treatment—a drag show that doesn't quit! 8 pm, free. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.
Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Gwendolyn Brooks speaks as part of the Friends of the SF Public Library's 10th Annual Literary Events series. Introduced by poet June Jordan. 8pm, $13.50 & $11. Herbst Theatre, SF. Info/res: 552-3656.
Mystery writer Lawrence Block reads from his newest novel, *A Ticket to the Boneyard*. 8 pm at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.
See "Funny Gay Males" at Josie's Cabaret & Juice Joint, see 10/3 for details.
Outlook lesbian/gay video show airs tonight & 10/11, 18 & 25 at 8:30 pm on Mountain View Cable Channel 30.

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■ FRIDAY

Tennessee Valley Coastal Trail Evening Hike with Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: strenuous 5-mile hike to the Coastal Trail & back. From Hwy 101 take Stinson Beach exit to Hwy 1. Turn left on Tennessee Valley Rd, take the road till it ends in parking lot. Meet 6 pm at the trailhead. Bring windbreaker, warm jacket & water. Info: 548-9676.
Hospice by the Bay Volunteer Training: thru 10/7, see 10/1 listing for details. Volunteer to be a friend—you're needed!
TGIF: Bay Area Career Women's lesbian social gathering at Charpe's Grill, 131 Gough St nr Market, SF. Every Fri in October (10/5, 12, 19, & 26), 6-9 pm, 45. Info: 495-5393.
Butano State Park Car Camping (San Mateo County, 40 miles south of SF) with SF Hiking Club: thru 10/7. Cost per car $8 mileage, plus $12 per campsite per night, approx $6 per person for two nights, depending on the number of campers. For sign-up call Fred Trant 339-0984, deadline is 10/3 at the gen'l club mtg (see listing). Park is located in the redwoods north of SF, and has numerous hiking trails.
Moving Benefit for the Red Fic Movie House & the Inner Sunset Community Food Store, two community institutions who have lost their leases and are in the process of moving to new locations. 5 local bands—*JC Hopkins, The Joseph Brinkman Band, Fillmore House, Ogie Yocha* and *The Wannabe Texans*—plus other performers, belly dancers, and performance artist Anne Gaijour perform to benefit the two groups' relocation. Doors open at 6 pm for food, drink, socializing, cartoons & art performances & info sharing, entertainment runs throughout the evening, starting about 7:50 pm. Tix $6-10 SL. Organic sushi plus other locally-made food, beer, wine & organic juice sold. At the York Theater, 2789 24th St, SF. Info: 282-0318, 664-5363.
"Isn't It Romantic?" deadline for dinner tix for this formal dinner dance, see 10/19 for details, and be there!
Moon-Viewing & Tea Ceremony spons by Japanese Cultural Ctr: 7-9 pm at Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Rd, Los Altos Hills. Includes intro talk explaining the historical background of moon-viewing & the tea ceremony. Includes performance of Japanese music & a poetry reading. Info: 949-7302.
Lesbian Sexuality Chem-Free Wkend Wkshop/Retreat for Women Over 40: 7 pm tonight thru 3 pm 10/7. Held at a beachfront house 2 hours south of SF. SL fee. Carpools available. Info: Dotty Calabrese 968-1981.
Senior Singles Group forming in Central Marin Area: come get together for cultural activities & outings of all types, prove that life begins at 60! For info/details: Bev 499-8226.
Reception for "This Clinic is Open," a photo exhibit by Jane Philomen Cleland. Documents abortion clinic defense in the Bay Area. 7-9 pm at the Brick Hut, 3222 Adeline St, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible.
"This Clinic is Open!" Open house celebrating Jane Cleland's exhibit of photos of Bay Area Coalition for Our Reproductive Rights (formerly Bay Area Coalition Against Operation Rescue) clinic defenders. 7-9 pm reception, everyone welcome! Exhibit runs thru 10/15. 3222 Adeline St, two blocks south of Ashby BART. Info: 626-5510.
Journaling to Listen Wkshop: Explore ways to listen to our bodies and the healing power of our inner selves by playing, writing, and drawing using expressive journaling methods. 7-9:30 pm. 973 Valencia St, SF. $20 donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info: Clare 647-9262.
Salut Victor opens tonight at Lumiere Cinema: an intimate, wry story of the late-in-life romance between two elderly gay men at an upscale nursing home, directed by Anne Claire Poirier. In French, with English subtitles. Spons by Frameline. Info: 861-5245.
"Funny Gay Males" at Josie's Cabaret & Juice Joint—two shows tonight! See 10/3 for details.
At Sisterspirit Women's Bookstore/Coffeehouse: Dianne Davidson Concert! A night of musical passion, from blues to rock, country, folk & more. 8:30 pm, $7-9 SL. Doors open at 8. Billy DeFrank Ctr, 1040 Park Ave btwn Race & Lincoln, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.
Beat Jesse Helms—Celebrity Flogging Benefit at the SF Eagle: flogging, caning, bondage, auctions, beer & soda bust, entertainment & more to raise money to fight censorship. 8 pm-11 pm, $7. Bar open till 2 am. 12th & Harrison, SF.
Julie Cohn in concert at Artemis Cafe, 1199 Valencia St, SF. 8 pm, $4-6 SL. Info: 821-0232.
Come Out Dancing: party spons by the Gay/Lesbian Alliance of City College-SF. 8 pm-midnight at City College Student Union, 50 Phelan Ave, SF. $5. 18 years or older only, ID required. No alcohol allowed. Free parking.
Lesbian & Gay Dance Classes: learn to do all the favorite latin dances—salsa, samba, cha-cha, merengue, ruma, tango, bolero, etc, in this 4-wk course taught by Gene Russo. Class dates: 10/5, 12, 19 & 26, 8:15-10 pm. $40 adv reg, $45 first day of class. Jon Sims Ctr, 1519 Mission St at 11th, SF. Studio 1. Info: 621-8441.
Afro-Cuban *Guiro* Music: Gladys "Bobi" Cespedes presents the music of the Afro-Cuban ceremony known as guiro, accompanied by Afro-Cuban master folklorist Francisco Aguabello. Bobbi highlights the 3 sections of the ceremony—the oro, the calling of the orisha, & the closing. 8:30 pm, $8 adv, $10 day of show. La Pena, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.
Dance with Della Davidson Dance Co—see 10/3.
Spinning with a Drop Spindle wkshop offered thru Richmond Art Ctr. Early reg required, see 10/27 listing for details.



"In The Shadow of the Stars," a film about the San Francisco Opera Chorus plays opening night at the Film Arts Festival, Tuesday, Oct 30.

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■ SATURDAY

Emerging Songwriters Concerts feature Judi Friedman, Aileen Vance, Alisa J Fineman & 17 others showcase their talents. Part of this weekend's Napa Valley Folk Festival. 1 pm today & tmw. Info: 1-(800) 842-6156. Free!
"Basic Tax & Recordkeeping Info for Self-Employed People," a two-evening seminar taught by tax practitioner Jan Zobel, EA at SF State University's Downtown Center, 814 Mission St, SF. 6:30-9 pm tonight & 10/10. $85. Info/res: 338-1373.
Women's Sing-A-Long: If you enjoy singing, come to tonight's song fest. Berkeley location. Info: Barbara 237-7397 or Nancy 540-5918.
Geoffrey Wolff, author of *Providence* and *The Duke of Deception* reads from his third novel, *The Final Club*. A chronicle of the coming-of-age of Nathaniel Clay, which takes place at the class of 1960's 20th reunion at Princeton. 7:30 pm. Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.
"No War for Big Oil—Bring the Troops Home," a community mtg at the First Unitarian Church, Franklin & Geary, SF. Speakers include Toney Anaya, former governor of New Mexico; Anan Ameri, nat'l president of the Palestine Aid Society; Dr Julianne Malveaux, syndicated African-American columnist & educator. Also features cultural presentations. Spons by the Emergency Committee to Stop the US War in the Middle East. 7:30 pm. $5-10 donation. Info: 821-6545. Also see 10/20.
Economist/author John Kenneth Galbraith speaks as part of City Arts & Lectures lecture series. 8 pm, $13.50 & $11. Herbst Theatre, SF. Tix at STBS Union Square & Embarcadero, call 552-3656 for info.
A Dance for Single Women, spons by Bay Area Career Women. 8 pm-1 am, $22 in adv, $27 at door. First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St, SF. Info: 495-5393.
"Funny Gay Males" at Josie's—two shows tonight! See 10/3.
Salsa Dance at La Pena with *Candela*. Old favorites & originals. 9:30 pm, $7. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.
Gospel Live '90—Big Gospel Bash at First Presbyterian Church of Oakland with Clarence Fountain & *"The Original Five Blind Boys of Alabama* (presently appearing in the hit production *Gospel at Colonus*) and *The Hula Sisters of San Francisco*, plus Oakland's own *Gospel Hummingbirds and Charles Champion and The Sensational Travelers of Richmond*. MC's are Marshalen Martin of KDIA Radio and Lee Hildebrand of *East Bay Express*. Tix: $10 adv, $12 at door, $5 kids under 12. Parking available. Info/tix: 839-2884. 27th St & Broadway, Oakland.
Trinity Chamber Concerts feature Eliane Lust, piano. 8 pm, $8 gen'l, $5 stdnts, srs & disabled. Trinity Chapel, Bancroft Way & Durant, Berkeley.
Singer/songwriter Tara Jones performs original songs at Dolphin Dream Bookstore, 1437 N. Broadway, downtown Walnut Creek. $7 at door, call ahead for reservations. Info: 938-5604.
The Women's Philharmonic opens its 10th Anniversary Season with a guest appearance by acclaimed flutist Paula Robison performing Carl Nielson's *Flute Concerto*, and the local premiere of Joan Tower's *Fanfare for the Uncommon Woman #2*. Concert also includes Elizabeth Maconchy's *Music for Winds* and Amy Beach's monumental *Symphony in e minor*, one of the first American symphonies. First Congregational Church, Post & Mason Sts, SF. "Concert Conversations", informal discussion of the evening's program, held one hour prior to the performance, in the concert hall. Champagne gala reception at the Circle Gallery, 140 Maiden Lane, SF, following the concert. $17 concert, $40 includes post-concert reception. Free childcare available. Tix at BASS & STBS. To order season tix or for info call 543-2297, to order single tix call 552-3656. Discounts available for srs, stdnts, kids, and the disabled.
Other Cinema at ATA: see *Urinal*, John Greyson's famous film offering a revitalized response to the current climate of sexual repression; also Matthew Schneider's front-line report on ACT-UP actions at the SF AIDS Conference, and David Bronsein's safe-sex *Vogueing* video; Deke Weaver's prick at Jesse Helms. Artists Television Access Gallery, 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 648-0654.
Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra presents a concert of music by the Bach family. JC Bach, "Sinfonia Concertante in A"; CPE Bach, "Sinfonia in D"; JS Bach, "Violin Concerto in E, BWV 1042", "Sinfornia to Cantata No 42", and "Brandenburg Concerto No 4, BWV 1049"; WF Bach, "Sinfonia in F". 8 pm, tonight, 7:30 pm tmw at First Congregational Church, Berkeley. 8 pm 10/10 at Angelico Hall, Dominican College, San Rafael; 8 pm on 10/12 at Herbst Theatre, SF.; 8 pm on 10/13 at First Methodist Church, Palo Alto, & 8 pm on 10/15 at the Regional Ctr for the Arts, Walnut Creek. Tix: Berkeley, SF, Palo Alto, 552-3656, San Rafael 472-3500, Walnut Creek 943-5862. Tix $17-24.
Judy Fjell songwriter/guitarist extraordinaire returns to Artemis Cafe tonight at 8 pm for an inspirational evening of acoustic music. 8 pm, $8-10 SL. 1199 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-0232.
Dance with Della Davidson Dance Co, see 10/3.
"Outlook," lesbian/gay video show airs 8:30 pm on cable 6 in Palo Alto, Menlo Park, Atherton, east Palo Alto & Stanford, tonight & 10/20. Program features lesbian judge Donna Hitchens; Dr Marcus Conant; and the Black Coalition on AIDS.
HIV Certification Program: today & tmw at Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr. Professional certification program for MD's & LAc's in the use of Quan Yin Herbal therapy protocol, designed to satisfy the needs of the clinician treating people with HIV. Info/reg: 861-4964.
11th Bay Area Walk Against Genocide: a walkathon protesting the genocidal conditions in the Black community. A benefit for Uhuru House, Black community center. Speakers include Omali Yeshitela, chairman of the African People's Socialist Party, and others including Sid Welch, Ace Mgxashe, Ajamu Mwafrika, Mshindi Shabazz, Penny Hess, Pat O'Connell & Henry Clark. March starts at 9 am, rally at Noon at Martin Luther King Jr Park in Berkeley, coner of Martin Luther King & Allston Way. Info: 655-6868.
Under the Hood... Again: A Car & Safety Wkshop for Women. 9 am-1:30 pm, $20 per person. No one turned away for lack of funds. Learn how to resolve the ongoing care & maintenance of what's under the hood. Learn how to check your oil, when to change it, how to use a jumper cable, how to replenish your windshield fluid, how to check automatic transmission fluid, how to check your battery, & more. Ellis Brooks Chevrolet-Nissan-Geo, 1395 Van Ness Ave, SF. Instructor Mary Rice. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Ctr. Class limited to 25, pre-reg required, call 476-5836.
Redwood Park Run with Eastbay Frontrunners. Take 580 to 35th Ave exit. Go east toward hills on 35th Ave to Redwood Rd (35th turns into Redwood), continue on Redwood approx 2 1/4 miles past Skyline Blvd. Entrance to park is on left. Meet 9:30 am inside park at last parking lot. Parking fee. Free offstreet parking at park entrance. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.
Baltimore Canyon Blithedale Summit Open Space Preserve Hike: join Gay/Lesbian Sierrans on a 6-8 mile loop thru two of Marin County Open Space District's preserves that connect to Mt Tamalpais. Hike thru shaded canyons, oak woodland & chaparral and past seasonal Dawn Falls. Meet 9:45 am at Church & Market Thrifty. Marin residents call 861-6591 for trailhead directions.
"Interior Design Resources", a workshop with Marcia McKean, spons by the Owner Builder Ctr. 10 am-5 pm at SOMA, 182 2nd St, SF. Info/res: 848-6860.
Spinning with a Drop Spindle Class offered thru Richmond Art Ctr , see 10/27 listing. Early registration required.
HIV/AIDS Clinical Trials: Everything you ever wanted to know about being in an HIV/AIDS Clinical Trial. A free event produced by PANT (Patient Advocates for Necessary Treatment) & sponsored by a wide variety of AIDS organizations. Includes information tables staffed by Bay Area clinical trial groups (Bay Area Community Consortium, Children's Hospital, Davies Med Ctr, Mt Zion, Project Inform CRA, SF Francis, SF Gen'l, Vet's Administration, Bay Area Perinatal AIDS Ctr, AIDS Community Research Consortium-Redwood City, ViRx, & others. Panel discussions scheduled include: Clinical Trials 101 (conducted in English & Spanish); Exploring Options: Participants' Perspective; Who Has the Power; and Pros & Cons (in English & Spanish). Panelists include people living with HIV/AIDS, patient advocates, clinicians, physicians & search nurses. Limited seating for panels, first-come, first-served. 10 am-4 pm at Davies Med Ctr, Castro & Duboce, SF. No reservations required. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 863-7684.
Rock at El Rio with *Spot 1919, The Meices*, and *Pieces of Lisa*. 10 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.
Women's Saturday Brunch spons by Gay/Lesbian Sierrans. Monthly women's brunch—a fun way to meet your sister conservationists & learn about upcoming events. Usually attended by 20-30 women. Homemade dishes greatly appreciated! 11 am-1 pm. This month's brunch is in SF—call Maggie 647-7458 for info/directions.
Huckleberry Preserve Herb Walk: Learn to identify & use the many edible & medicinal plants that grow wild in the Bay Area. An intro to wildcrafting, plant lore, and botanical pharmacology. Get recipes for teas & wild foods, learn the basics of holistic healing. Today's walk offers a lush bay forest and chaparral ecosystem brimming with rare plants. Walk starts at noon at the Preserve's parking lot on Skyline Dr in Oakland. $5-11 SL fee. Info: Adam Seller 845-4028. Cancelled if raining.
QSM Class: Ask the Chiropractor, with Dr Big, DC. What are the safest positions for whipping & being whipped? If something goes wrong, can you minimize the injury? Ask your own candid questions of an s/m-positive chiropractor. Men & women of all sexual orientations are welcome, over 21 only. Doors open at noon, class 12:30-3 pm. Upstairs at 1354 Harrison at 9th St, SF. $12 at door. Info: QSM 428-1321.
Help Plan Demo Against Sexist Position by the National Allergy/Immunology Convention (to be held in November at SF Hilton). Wkshop on environmental illness/chemical senstivities dysregulation will be presented as a women's hysterical/psychiatric illness. Call Randa Phillips 648-9481 or Susan del Solar 530-1724 for info on protest.
Misc. Fictioneers: group of writers (limited to 8) acting as co-mentors for teaching, exploration, discussion & critique. If your work is speculative, experimental, poetic, erotic, surreal, hard to define; and you can commit to Sun afternoons, this group may be for you—send 3-5 pages + "What is Fiction?"—your perception in 100 words or less—to R Griffin, 142 Hermann St #2, SF 94102.

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■ SUNDAY

Emerging Songwriter's Concert Winners perform—see 10/6 listing for details.
"Break the Chains!" Join in an energetic, photogenic counter-demonstration to an anti-abortion "Chain of LIfe" on 19th Ave in SF. Meet 1:30 pm at Lincoln & 19th Ave, brings lots of signs & friends. Or join a pro-choice motorcade to cruise down 19th Ave, deck your car out in pro-choice, pro-woman regalia. Spons by Bay Area Coalition for Our Reproductive Rights (BACORR), call 626-5510 for info.
Strawberry Canyon Herb Walk: Learn to identify & use the many edible & medicinal plants that grow wild in the Bay Area—intro to wildcrafting, plant lore & botanical pharmacology. Get recipes for teas & wild foods, learn the basics of holistic healing. This walk offers beautiful & diverse flora typical of the western states coastal range. Meet 2 pm at the Strawberry Canyon Fire Trail head, below the UC Berkeley Botanical Gardens on Centennial Dr. $5-11. Walk repeats on 10/21 at noon. For info/directions call Adam Seller 845-4028. See 10/6, 7, 14 & 20 for other Herb Walks offered this month. If raining, walks are cancelled.
Singing for Our Lives—gospel concert in Stern Grove benefits the SF Food Bank, & other service organizations. 2-5 pm, bring a donation of food or money. Info: 863-4434.
Castro Street Fair: 17th annual celebration. Noon-6 pm with live music, arts & crafts & lots of fun. Come out & enjoy! Castro St, btwn Market & 20th, SF.
Blues at the Gould Theater, SF with Joe Louis Walker & Barbara Dane. 2 pm, $13. Info/tix: 863-3592.
Rawhide Round-Up Celebrity Auction & Country Dance: star-studded clebrity auction includes a gold lama dress of kd lang, a signed script of Candace Bergen, and an Olivia cruise to the Caribbean. Country dance lessons with Alane Freund, 3-4 pm. Comic Karen Williams emcees. Auctioneer Evelyn Hayes of Prosperity Productions. Spons by the Assoc of Women's Music & Culture. 2-7 pm at the Raw Hide, 7th & Folsom St, SF. Tix: $5. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 534-7013, 681-6222.
The Body & Its Dangers: NY author Alan Barnet reads from & signs his short-story collection at A Different Light Bookstore. 3:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.
The Blazing Redheads at El Rio, 3158 Mission St, SF. 4-8 pm, $7. Info: 282-3325.
MusicSources Keyboard Artists Series features Rita Peiretti, harpsichordist, performing Bach's *Goldberg Variations*. 5 pm, $15, $12 srs & stdnts. MusicSources, 1000 The Alameda at Marin, Berkeley. Info: 528-1685.
Hoedown Celebration Birthday Party at the Blue Heron Restaurant & Black Bart Tavern, for Piero Patri, alias Black Bart. Features the 2nd Annual Black Bart Doggerel Poetry Contest, an afternoon of fun & live entertainment, followed by Pietro's Bounteous Birthday Dinner. Juried contest featuring such luminaries as Kevin Starr & Modesto Lanzone. Entertainment with the *Original Great Pacific Reunion Jazz Band*, plus assorted singers & musicians. Portion of the proceeds benefit the Actors Theatre of Sonoma County. Reservations recommended, call (707) 865-2225 for res, info. The Blue Heron is located in Duncan Mills, Sonoma County, 8 miles west of Guerneville on the Russian River.
Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra in concert, see 10/6 listing for details.
Activist/author Melanie Kaye/Kantrowitz reads from *My Jewish Face and Other Stories*, her first work of fiction. "A sharp, sad & funny document of difficult times." 7:30 pm. Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.
Performers/Artists Wkshop: harmony singers into r&b, piano and other instrumentals welcome. 7:30 pm. Spons by GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Call Jon Sugar 731-2424 for info/location.
Electric City, gay, lesbian, bisexual TV brings the antics, education & activism of our community into your home. Show airs in SF at 10 pm tonight and 10/14, 21, & 28. Info: 861-7131.
Knott Watt, a theatrical abstraction from Samuel Beckett's first novel, is a comedy, carnival, magic & clown show produced by JB Cooper tonight at La Pena. Tells the story of an old man on a mystical journey thru Ireland in the early forties to find his Master. 8 pm, $6. Benefit for the Orphans' Weaving Project in Somoto, Nicaragua. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.
Dianne Davidson in Concert at the Great American Music Hall, SF. Call 885-0750 for info.
"Funny Gay Males" at Josie's Cabaret & Juice Joint—final show! See 10/3 for details.
Castle Rock State Park Men's Hike: join Gay/Lesbian Sierrans for a moderately strenuous 8-mile hike in the Santa Cruz Mountains thru Douglas Fir and Oak Woodland. Meet 9 am at the Safeway/Thrifty on Market St, SF or at 10 am at the park entrance, 3 miles south of Saratoga Gap. Wear hiking shoes, bring food & water. Info: 387-8453.
CASA Barbecue: Community Alternative Social Association sponsors a BBQ for Gay Latinos & Friends. 10 am-5 pm in Golden Gate Park, Elk Glen (entrance at Lincoln Ave & 25th Ave, SF). Food & drink available. $3-5 donation. Info: 695-0644.
Castro Street Faire Run with SF Frontrunners. Meet 10 am at the corner of Castro & Market for a pre-fair run thru the Panhandle to McLaren Lodge & back. Info: Rod 621-2213.
Electric city lesbian, gay & bisexual TV airs tonight at 10 pm on cable channel 50 in Oakland & Richmond. Info: 861-7131.
Country Western Dancing & Variety Show at the Bench & Bar: dancing begins at 6 pm, with free chili & hot dogs!, followed by variety show at 10 pm. 120 11th St, SF. Tonight & 10/21. Info: 444-2266.
Corona Heights Herb Walk: Learn to identify & use many edible & medicinal plants that grow wild in the Bay Area. An intro to wildcrafting, plant lore & botanical pharmacology. Get recipes for teas & wild foods, learn the basics of holistic healing. Today's Corona Heights, SF walk meets 10:30 am at Roosevelt Way & Museum Way, near the Randall Junior Museum. Dress warmly, rain cancels. $5-11 SL fee. Info: Adam Seller 845-4028.
Indian Summer Hike spons by Bay Area Career Women (BACW) Marin. Meet 11 am at the Bear Valley Trailhead in Pt Reyes for a 10-12 mile hike. Bring lunch & liquids. Info/carpools: Mary 892-1207.

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■ MONDAY

Sports Nutrition Seminar spons by UCSF Recreation Dept. Learn how to optimize physical performance & comfort during exercise. 5:30-7:30 pm, $20. UCSF Millbery Fitness Ctr, 500 Parnassus Ave, SF. Info/res: 476-1115.
Gay Men's Sketch/Castro: drop-in male nude figure drawing for all skill levels. Black bodybuilder Stan Stone models tonight. 7-10 pm, $12. MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Rm 205. Info: 621-6294.
Natalie Goldberg, poet, essayist,



Lesbian historian Max Dashu presents "Creatrix: Cosomologies of the Goddess," this month on the 12th.

teacher, novelist and author of *Writing Down the Bones: Freeing the Writer Within*, discusses her new book, *Wild Mind: Living the Writer's Life*. 7:30 pm at Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.

Psychoanalyst/author Richard Isay discusses & signs his bestseller, *Being Homosexual*. 7:30 pm at A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

Gay Comedy Open Mike: Josie's Cabaret & Juice Joint revives the Valencia Rose tradition with open mike every Monday night for aspiring lesbian & gay comics, hosted by Karen Williams. 8:30 pm, $4. Performers sign-up by phone by 7:30 pm. 3583 16th St, SF. Info: 861-7933.

Bay Area Theatresports (BATS) Main Event: fine comedy improv as two teams come out of their corners & battle to be the night's champion. Audience determines winner. Tonight is Round 3, the winner goes on to play a new challenger the next week (see 10/15, 22). $7. New Performance Gallery, 3153 17th St, SF. Info/res: 824-8220.

9 TUESDAY

Tennessee Valley Walk with Bay Area Career Women (BACW) Marin. Meet 6 pm at Tennessee Valley parking lot for an easy 2-mile walk to the ocean. Optional dinner follows hike. Info: Diane 332-9203.

Aikido Morning Class—see 10/2.

"The Lazy Way to Crystal Understanding," talk by Rudi Wyrsch, who has studied the spiritual teachings of Native Americans, South American & African cultures & spiritual masters of India, & discovered ways of communicating with one's inner teachers. 7 pm, free. Amron Metaphysical Ctr, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.

Women's Action for Nuclear Disarmament (WAND) Monthly Mtg: 7-10 pm. Men welcome. Come hear the latest on environmental dangers and how you can effect positive change. Info: 647-5272.

Open Lesbian/Gay Reading at Modern Times Bookstore. All lesbian & gay male poets are welcome to join this monthly open reading, hosted by Stephanie Henderson. 7:30 pm, donation collected. 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

Charles Baxter, author of *First Light, Harmony of the World*, and *Through the Safety Net*, reads from his latest collection of stories, *A Relative Stranger*. 7:30 pm at Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.

"Battling Racism Within the National Women's Studies Association," is the topic of tonight's Radical Women's Mtg. Discuss the ongoing fight against racism & bureaucracy in the NWSA. 6:45 pm dinner ($5 donation), 7:30 pm mtg. 523-A Valencia St (nr 16th St BART). SF. Info: 864-1278.

"Metaphysical Smorgasbord," part of an ongoing series of psychic classes for women. Discuss available metaphysical tools, learn when & how to use them. $90-200 for ten-week series, $15-20 per class. 8-10 pm. Info/res: Pati McDermott, psychic counselor & hypnotherapist, 652-6355.

Author Vicki Ruiz discusses her new book *Unequal Sisters: A Multicultural Reader in US Women's History*, co-edited with Ellen DuBois. 8 pm at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.

8th Annual Spectrum Job Fair highlights employment opportunities for the disabled. Opportunity for job seekers to meet with a wide range of potential employers. Chance for the currently employed to explore alternative options. 9:30 am-4 pm at the Hyatt in San Jose (First Street exit of Bayshore Hwy 101, accessible by public bus & light rail, ample parking). (408) 277-1350.

Electric City lesbian/gay/bisexual TV in the Southbay, see 10/2 for details.

"You've Come A Long Way, Cutie", lecture & discussion by Sylvia Chase, news anchor & investigative reporter for KRON TV 4. Discussion of stereotyping & under-employment of women in the TV industry. Noon-1 pm, free. Cole Hall, 513 Parnassus Ave, SF. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Ctr. Info: 476-0400.

10 WEDNESDAY

Womantalk Discussion Group for Older Lesbians: tonight's topic—"Family Ties—Past, Present & Future". 2:15 pm at North of Market Senior Ctr, 333 Turk St, SF. Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Info: 626-7000. Also see 10/24.

Writer's Wkshop for Older Writers: spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). For lesbians & gays over 50, with any level of writing experience. 7-9 pm, tonight & 10/24 at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

"Irrigation Systems," a class taught by Tom Bresson of The Urban Farmer. Spons by the Owner Builder Ctr. 7-10 pm at SOMA, 182 2nd St, SF. Part of OBC's Wednesday Seminar Series. Info: 848-6860.

Author Dorothy Allison offers 10-wk intensive short story writing class at A Different Light Bookstore. Wed eves, 7-9 pm, $225, with registration fee of $75. Enrollment limited, pre-reg required, cal 431-3127 for details.

"Women & Shame: Healing Ourselves and Others," wkshop led by Peggy Eva Parish, MSW. Learn to feel the power & freedom that already lives within you. Explore shame & sexuality, parenting (ourselves & children), self-esteem & more. 7 pm, $10. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

SF Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade & Celebration Subcommittee Mtg: 7 pm. For info/location: 864-FREE.

Gag Order Forum: discuss the Title X case which goes before the Supreme Court this term, as well as the similar regulation that bars int'l family planning agencies that receive US funding from mentioning abortion to their clients. Speakers on the law & speakers from the affected clinics come together to strategize about how to ensure women's access to the info they need about abortion. 7:30 pm. Bay Area Coalition for Our Reproductive Rights, Unitarian Ctr, 1606 Bonita at Cedar, Berkeley. Public transit: take BART to North Berkeley, go one block to Cedar, then up hill to Bonita (beyond Martin Luther King Dr). Info: 626-5510.

Anti-Columbus Day Update: The Int'l Indian Treaty Council presents an eve of updates on the struggles of indigenous peoples, in commemoration of the United Nations declaration of Oct 12 as "Day of Int'l Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples". 7:30 pm, $3. Info/details: 566 0251 or 849-2568.

Greentalks Series of public forums continues at New College: representatives from Proposition E, the SF Nuclear Free Zone Campaign, discussing the campaign & answering questions. 7:30 pm, $3-10 donation. No one turned away for lack of funds. Proceeds benefit SF Greens. 777 Valencia St at 18th, SF. Info: 255-2940.

Peter Steinhart, author of *Tracks in the Sky* and columnist for *Audubon Magazine* discusses *California's Wild Heritage: Threatened & Endangered Animals in the Golden State*, a collection of 125 color photographs and concise, informative essays. A valuable handbook surveying some 100 endangered species in Calif. 7:30 pm at Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.

Amy Tan, author of *The Joy Luck Club* speaks as part of Friends of the SF Public Library's 10th Annual Literary Events Series. 8 pm, $13 & $11 at the Herbst Theatre, SF. Info/res: 552-3656.

Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra Bach Program, see 10/6 listing for details.

Cabaret Vocalist Samm Gray at Josie's Cabaret & Juice Joint, 3583 16th St, SF. Jazz, blues & gospel, standards in a natural & distinctive style. 8 pm, $10 tonight & 10/17, 24. Info: 861-7933.

Electric City, gay TV show—see 10/3.

Comedy at El Rio with Marilyn Pittman, Ed Marques, Bee Bee, and Maureen Brownsey. 9 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Wednesday Morning Piano Classes for teachers & players at MusicSources. The first class, "Inventions & Sinfonias of JS Bach," taught by Laurette Goldberg runs today thru 10/31. 10 am-noon, $60 gen'l, $50 stdnts & srs. Info/res: 528-1685. 1000 The Alameda at Marin, Berkeley.

11 THURSDAY

Men's Friendship Group for older gay men meets 2:45-4 pm today & 10/25 at 711 Eddy St, SF. Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Info: 626-7000.

Retirement Party for Jim Ferguson, (also Jim's 50th birthday!) program director of Acceptance Place and Baker New Place, hosted by Baker Places, Inc at Castro Country Club, 4058 18th St btwn Hartford & Castro, SF. 4-7 pm. Come join us!

Marin County Nat'l Coming Out Day Celebrations: 5:30-7:30 pm at the Veterans Hall (Ward St off Magnolia) in Larkspur. Entertainment, food & drink, prizes for the best coming out story (must be submitted by 10/1, call Jane Spahr 457-1115 for details), songs of liberation with Isoke Femi, & more. 8-9 pm: Interfaith Worship Service with Metropolitan Community Church of the Redwoods, 110 Magnolia Ave in Larkspur. 9:30-11 pm: party at BJ's Bar with *The Spirit Band* of the SF Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band. For more details on the celebration call Ministry of Light 457-1115.

Women's Business Network Mtg: Linda Scaparotti, Esq, presents "Legal Concerns for Women in Business". 6-9 pm at the Lake Merritt Boathouse, Oakland. Live jazz & refreshments provided. $15-25 SL registration, trade of service available, all women welcome. Women's Business Network provides practical & emotional support for women in business or women changing careers. Info: Helen Lupowitz 271-0165.

Bingo at Most Holy Redeemer spons by Golden Gate Connection, a social group for heavyset men and their admirers. 6:30 pm. $10 buy-in. 18th & Diamond Sts, SF. Look for Mr Chubby SF 1990. Info: Bobby B 871-7870.

Aikido Morning Class—see 10/2.

"Keeping Your Older Pet Healthy," a talk with Kathleen Kimber, DVM. Learn some of the ways that you & your vet can maintain the health of your aging pet. 7-9 pm, $6. Part of Planetree Health Resource Ctr's annual Fall Health Lecture Series. 2040 Webster St at Sacramento, SF. Info: 923-3680.

At Old Wives Tales Bookstore: author Douglas Anne Munson reads from her new mystery novel, *Elnion*, published by

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OCTOBER EVENTS 1990

October 4. Thursday. 8:00 P.M.

Robin Lakoff

What do Julius Caesar and Oliver North have in common? Why is unintelligibility valued in academia and why do women speak differently than men? Robin Lakoff, Professor of Linguistics at UC Berkeley and author of **Language and Woman's Place**, will examine these questions and other facets of the politics of language in a discussion of her brilliant, clear-thinking and often witty new book, **Talking Power: The Politics of Language**.

October 8. Monday. 8:00 P.M.

Lawrence Block

Award winning mystery writer Lawrence Block will read from his newest and best novel, **A Ticket to the Boneyard**. Block brings back detective Matt Scudder to confront a terrifying and unforgettable new villain. "A brilliant book. For clean, close-to-the-bone prose, the line goes from Dashiell Hammett to James Cain to Lawrence Block. He's that good." —Martin Cruz Smith

October 9. Tuesday. 8:00 P.M.

Vicki Ruiz

Women's lives have always been shaped by race, class, culture, and gender. Yet until recently, the white, middle-class woman has stood for all women. Vicki Ruiz will discuss **Unequal Sisters: A Multicultural Reader in U.S. Women's History** co-edited with Ellen DuBois.

October 15. Monday. 8:00 P.M.

Suzanne Farrell

Suzanne Farrell, who was for more than 20 years the outstanding ballerina of the New York City Ballet, will discuss her new autobiography, **Holding on to the Air**. In this book Farrell tells the story of her controversial life with integrity, wit and sophistication. Come meet and hear the most glorious American ballerina of her generation.

October 16. Tuesday. 8:00 P.M.

Anne La Bastille

Ecologist Anne La Bastille is one of the few persons to monitor the extinction of a single species. Her new book, **Mama Poc: An Ecologist's Account of the Extinction of a Species**, is her poignant record of the destruction of the giant grebe, or poc, in Guatemala. "These marvellous birds deserve...an obituary, and Anne La Bastille has given them a fine and moving one." —Bill McKibben

October 17. Wednesday. 8:00 P.M.

Jamaica Kincaid

Jamaica Kincaid, award winning author of **Annie John** and **At the Bottom of the River**, draws again on her West Indian heritage to create the captivating heroine of her new book, **Lucy**. "Kincaid continues to write with a unique, compelling voice that cannot be found anywhere else." —Jeffrey Rodgers, **San Francisco Chronicle**

October 18. Thursday. 8:00 P.M.

Jane Brody

Jane Brody, personal health columnist for the New York Times and a guiding force in the revolution in American health consciousness, will be signing and discussing her latest book, **Jane Brody's Good Food Gourmet**. Whether entertaining guests or cooking festive meals for loved ones, Jane Brody shows us how to eat wisely without denying the natural pleasures of good food.

October 21. Sunday. 8:00 P.M.

Barry Lopez

Barry Lopez, author of **Arctic Dreams** and **Of Wolves and Men**, will discuss his newest book, **Crow and Weasel**, a fable with magnificent illustrations by Tom Pohrt. This book showcases Lopez's abiding concerns: our spirited relationship to the landscape, respect for traditions different from our own, and our human obligations to one another. "One of the most beautiful books of the year." — Andy Ross, Cody's books.

October 22. Monday. 8:00 P.M.

Donna Levin

Though **California Street** has all the trappings of a good mystery, Donna Levin's newest book is a San Francisco urban comedy that answers the question, "What do therapists think about when people give them such a hard time?" "The most fun I've had between the covers of a book since **Bonfire of the Vanities**." —James N. Frey

October 25. Thursday. 8:00 P.M.

Arturo Arias

Arturo Arias will discuss his new book **After the Bombs**, a documentation of one man's search for his identity, his father, and his role as a fighter in the struggle for freedom.

October 27. Saturday. 2:00 P.M.

Kitty Morse and Mary Laird Hamady

Join Kitty Morse, food writer, cooking instructor and author of **Come With Me to the Kasbah**, and Mary Laird Hamady, author of **Lebanese Mountain Cookery** for a demonstration/tasting of Northern Africa & Mid East cuisines.

October 28. Sunday. 8:00 P.M.

Walden Bello

Walden Bello, executive director of Food First, will discuss **Dragons in Distress: Asia's Miracle Economies in Crisis**. Our economy is increasingly bound to that of East Asia, yet we have little understanding of the shaping forces and the crisis these economies are under. This book is "a fascinating but disturbing analysis of the fragile economic miracles of Taiwan, Korea, and Singapore...indispensible reading..." Richard Barnet, Institute for Policy Studies

October 29. Monday. 8:00 P.M.

Adam Hochschild

Journalist Adam Hochschild will discuss his new book, **The Mirror at Midnight**, an intensely personal exploration of South Africa through interviews focused around the decisive event of South African history, the 1838 Battle of Blood River. This astute and insightful book looks at what the mechanisms of control have been in the country and at the myths by which the whites have justified their long rule there.

October 30. Tuesday. 8:00 P.M.

Lynn Andrews

Lynn Andrews, author of **Medicine Woman** and **Jaguar Woman** will discuss her continuing adventures with women shamans of the world in her newest book, **The Woman of Wyrrd: The Arousal of the Inner Fire**. Andrews tells us how to find our own personal "acts of power," tap hidden energies, and live our lives in extraordinary ways.

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SUN-THURS 9:15AM-9:45PM FRI-SAT 9:15AM-10:45PM

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Viking Press. 7:30 pm. Everyone welcome! 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4676.

John Edgar Wideman, author of *Brothers and Keepers, Fever,* and *Sent for You Yesterday* reads from his new novel *Philadelphia Fire*. 7:30 pm at Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.

Cocktail Party at El Rio with Dana Devero & Friends, plus dj Carlos Grant. 8 pm, free. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Songs of love & terror, honest & rich, at La Pena with Jano Brindisi. 8 pm, $6. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.

"Don't Make Me Say Things that Will Hurt You," Doug Holsclaw's mysterious comedy about sex, Greta Garbo & Home Shopping. An exploration of the inner world of a man in hiding, whose solitude has many faces as he treads a fine line btwn privacy & prison. Plays Wed-Sun, 10/11-21 at Josie's Cabaret & Juice Joint, 3583 16th St, SF. Info: 861-7933.

Outlook lesbian/gay video show airs tonight, see 10/4.

Career Fair for the Disabled: see "Fairs & Festivals" section of Parents & Kidsbox for details.

Here to Stay, lesbian & gay talk show, features Ruth Brinker, founder of Project Open Hand. 10 pm tonight on Viacom cable channel 25 in SF, show repeats on 10/25.

Make It Snappy! Revitalizing Your Resume—a wkshop with Susan Evelth, MAEd. Learn how to give new life & energy to your resume, make your work hisotry shine through. Bring a draft of your outmoded resume to work on (assessment & job objectives will not be covered in this wkshop). Noon-1 pm, $5 per person, no one turned away for lack of funds. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Ctr. HSE 317, UCSF. Pre-reg required, call 476-5836 for info.

12 FRIDAY

Mujerio, the Bay Area Latina Lesbian Organization, sponsors its 2nd annual retreat today thru 10/14 at the Marin Headlands. Call 648-1291 or 482-2081 for details.

Outlook lesbian/gay video show airs tonight at 5 pm on cable 2B in San Jose and at 7:30 pm on cable 30 in Cupertino & Los Altos. Program features lesbian judge Donna Hitchens and AIDS researcher Dr Marcus Conant.

"Girl Talk,"—women's evening to share experiences, concerns & questions about our sexuality and sexual communication with our partners. Info: Clare 647-9262 or Arline 387-9414.

QSM Class: Medical & Equsterian Restraints. Hal demonstrates creative uses of cloth restraints, horse hobbles, stirrups, Hiatt handcuffs & purchases from your friendly hardware store. Men & women of all sexual orientations are welcome, over 21 only. $15. Doors open at 7 pm, class 7:30-10 pm upstairs at 1354 Harrison at 9th, SF. Info: QSM 428-1321.

Creatrix: Cosmologies of the Goddess, slide presentation, art, music & dancing—a 20th Anniversary benefit for the Supressed Histories Archives, with lesbian historian Max Dashu. 7:30 pm, $5-15 SL fee. Women only. No fragrances, please. Ohana Cultural Ctr, 4345 Telegraph Ave, Oakland.

Bad Attitude: Processed World Collective stages an Attitude Adjustment Seminar to celebrate the publication of their new anthology, *Bad Attitude*. 7:30 pm, free. Modern Times Bookstore, 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

Bach Program with *Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra*, see 10/6 listing.

Jazz & Latin Rhythms with Erica Luckett and special guest Jacqueline Ragó of *Altazor*. 8 pm, $4-6 SL at Artemis Cafe, 1199 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-0232.

Comic Karen Williams keeps you laughing at Mama Bears, 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. 8 pm, $6-8. Women only. Info: 428-9684.

GLOE Variety Show: performances by gays & lesbians over 50, spons by Operation Concern's Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders. 8 pm tonight at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF, 150 Eureka St btwn 18th & 19th, 3 blocks west of Castro, SF. Program repeats on 10/13 at 2:30 pm. Info: 626-7000.

"Don't Make Me Say Things That Will Hurt You," see 10/11.

Halloween Canteen & Costume Auction: 7th annual auction, a kick-off fundraising event for Living Sober 1991. Great opportunity for you to pick up something "new" to wear for Halloween, or unload a tired old costume on an unsuspecting newcomer. Money raised during the costume auction is donated to the Living Sober general fund, and helps pay off expenses incurred early in the planning year. 8:30-11 pm, $6-12 SL. Wheelchair Accessible, childcare provided. First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St, SF. Also see 10/27 listing for additional Living Sober activities.



"Birds Past," a film by Scott McGehee and David Siegel is part of the "Eccentric Cinema" program at Fil Arts Festival. See Oct 31.

Flamenco at La Pena: Chinin de Triana, renowned singer from Spain, and Timo Lozano, join Anda Jaleo for a spectacular eve of flamenco dance, song & guitar. 8:30 pm, $10. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.

Encuentro 1990: 2nd annual Northern Calif Latina Lesbian Encuentro. Today thru 10/14 at Marin Headlands Institute. Includes workshops, cultural activities, sports, support groups, social events, and a dance! For Latina Lesbians only. No drugs or alcohol allowed. $85 includes meals and dormitory-style lodging (bunk beds). No drugs or alcohol allowed. Registration: $100. Send your name, address, telephone number, and a check or money order to: Mujerio/Encuentro, c/o Women's Bldg of SF, 3543 18th St, Box #23, SF CA 94110. Info: 482-2081 or 648-1291.

Dance at SJSU: San Jose State University's Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Alliance closes SJSU's Gay & Lesbian Awareness Week with a dance at the SJSU Spartan Complex women's gym. 9 pm-1 am, $3. Must be over 18, bring ID. Info/directions: (408) 236-2002.

Over Our Heads Comedy Improv (Karen Ripley, Teresa Chandler, Annie Larson, Marion Damon) at Josie's Cabaret & Juice Joint, 3583 16th St, SF. 10 pm, $8. Info: 861-7933.

Deadline for reservations for BACW Marin financial district lunch, see 10/17 for details.

13 SATURDAY

Dr Helen Caldicott, environmentalist, Nobel Peace Prize nominee and world leader of the anti-nuclear movement, speaks in St Helena (1 hour north of SF). For info call Scott Powell 673-2705.

GLOE Variety Show: final performance! See 10/12 for details.

Women's Friendship Group meets 3 pm at Cafe Commons, 3161 Missoin St, SF. Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Info: 626-7000.

Acapella at A Different Light with the fabulous *Flirtations*. 3 pm, 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

"In Solidarity with South African Political Prisoners: a Fundraiser for the African National Congress of South Africa," chicken and Indian curry dinner at 6 pm, followed by an update with Mosala Mosegomi of ANC and the film *Spear of the Nation: A History of the African National Congress* at 7:30 pm. Tix: $10-15, $5-10 for program only. Order dinner tix in advance. Info: 821-6545. 362 Capp St, SF. Spons by the South African Freedom Committee of the All-Peoples Congress.

Quan Yin Holistic Support Group Mtg—Health care providers, receivers, & those intrested in any level of holistic helping and (self)healing are welcome to join this wkly support group. Topic presentations & discussion on a wide spectrum of holistic techniques—nutrition, Chinese medicine, yoga, massage, Qi Gong, martial arts, rebirthing, lifestyle stress management, meditation, etc. Directed & coordinated by Michael J. Guen, PhD. 6 week pilot program (is a model for a regularly meeting group to be formed in January). Fees collected. $50 deposit required. Info: Howard 861-4964.

The Dance of Madness, a piece for 9 women, developed out of a workshop directed by Anah-K. Tonight & 10/19 & 20 at 7 pm, $6. Choreographed and performed by Yemeya Dubie, Miraba Hallis, Anah-K, Stanya Kahn, Gillis Kallem, Miranda Mellis, Wendy Mortenson, Shari, Aimee Tomczak, and Selena Whang. In the Church Garden of Episcopal Church of St John the Evangelist, 1661 15th St (Julian St Entrance), SF. Dress warmly. Info/res: 255-0189.

Southbay FLSG Potluck: join Feminist Lesbian Social Group for a potluck at Chay's house in Santa Clara. 7 pm. Newcomers welcome! Call (408) 244-9477 for directions/info.

Gay Men's Relationship Mixer: Ready for a relationship with another man? Attend tonight's mixer—a comfortable way to meet other quality men thru small group discussions & personal sharing. Social hour follows. Doors open at 7:15 pm, mixer begins at 7:30. $5. MCC-SF Social Hall, 150 Eureka St (3 blocks west of Castro, btwn 18th & 19th), SF. Info: Partners Institute 343-8541.

Unity in Recovery—9th Annual In Celebration of Life Conference: today & tmw on the Sonoma Sate University campus in Rohnert Park, Sonoma County. Professional speakers, workshops, entertainment, 12-step mtgs, literature booths, clean & sober dance & more. While gay & lesbian issues & perspectives are central to this recovery conference, all members of the recovering community are welcome. $15 fee, no one turned away for lack of funds, some scholarships available. Free childcare available with 72 hr reservation, call (707) 823-0101 for res. SIGN. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: (707) 575-8093.

Walk for Choice! Fundraiser for the Pro-Choice Coalition of Santa Clara County, and Bay Area Coalition Against Our Reproductive Repression (BACAORR-South). You'll receive a free (and way cool) t-shirt if you raise $25 in pledges on the walk. Meet for registration at 8 am in Plaza Park, downtown San Jose, step off at 10 am, rally at noon. For info/pledge forms call (408) 739-6505.

Bach Program with *Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra*, see 10/6.

Trinity Chamber Concerts features Susan Sigge, flute; with Chun Mei Chan, piano, Jo Anne Fosselman, oboe, & Therese Roth, bassoon. Works by Donizetti, Ravel, Doppler, Govlez, Horvit & Muczynski. 8 pm, $8 gen'l, $5 stdnts, srs & disabled. Trinity Chapel, Dana St btwn Bancroft Way & Durant Ave, Berkeley.

Feeding the Flames: Songs by Men to End AIDS—concert gala with singer/songwriters Romanovsky & Phillips, plus *The Flirtations*, Josh White, Jr; Gary Lapow and Willie Sordillo with Flor de Cana. Plus special guest artist! 8 pm. Tix: $30, $60 (includes casette/CD) and $100 (includes cassette/CD & reception). First Congregational Church, Post at Mason, SF. Artists' royalties from album sales benefit the National Minority AIDS Council. Portion of proceeds will be donated to two women's health organizations—the Chronic Fatigue Immune Dysfunctional Syndrome Foundation & the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr. Tix available at A Different Light Bookstore & Headlines on Polk & Castro Streets in SF; and at Mama Bears in Oakl, or call 431-0891.

Eternity Chapman at Artemis: originals influenced by world beat, reggae, soul, jazz, rock & roll and country. Don't miss! 1199 Valencia St, SF. 8 pm, $4-6 SL. Info: 821-0232.

"Don't Make Me Say Things That Will Hurt You," see 10/11.

Talespinning Eve with travelling storyteller Joel Ben Izzy at Modern Times Bookstore, 968 Valencia St, SF. 8 pm, $4-6 SL donation. Info: 282-9246.

Our Bodies, Ourselves Night: ATA's Other Cinema series features Jean Kilborune's *Still Killing Us Softly*, a feminist critique of the advertising industry; Barbara Attie, Nora Monroe & Maureen Wellner's *Skin & Ink*, a look at women who choose to have tattoos—and the women who create them. Also Lynne Sachs' *House of Science*, a tour thru a museum of false facts about women; plus works by local muses Greta Snider & Hrafnhildur Gunnarsdottir. 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: Artists Television Access 648-0654. 8:30 pm, $5.

Benefit Dance for VOICES: Bay Area Lesbian Choral Ensemble. 8 pm-1 am, $5 at door. Golden Gate Lutheran Church, Dolores at 19th St, SF. Smoke and alcohol-free. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 695-0547.

Singer Gayle Marie gives you an eve of nostalgia at Mama Bears, 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. 8 pm, $7-9. Women only. Info/res: 428-9684.

Lagunitas String Quartet perform contemporary music by Shostakovitch, plus works by local composers Lans McLoskey, Jonathan Segal, Brian Fergus & Jim McManus. 8:30 pm, $8 gen'l, $5 srs & stdnts. At Footwork, 3221 22nd St at Mission. SF.

Considering Therapy? A wkshop for anyone considering or actually shopping for a therapist. Assessment & clarification of issues, discussion of fees & insurance, demystification of various techniques & modalities, patients' rights, how to get started. Half-day wkshop, $20. Info: Alex Mackenzie, MFCCI 252-0160.

Home Repair & Improvement for Beginners: a 2-day wkshop spons by the Owner Builder Ctr. Hands-on wkshop uses real tools & mock-ups. Taught by Paul Allen & Andre Von Wartburg. SOMA, 182 2nd St, SF. Info/res: 848-6860.

The Hidden Minority in Our Schools: Gay & Lesbian Youth. Class for teachers, counselors, administrators & family members, offered by the San Jose State University Office of Continuing Education. One-day seminar explores fears about homosexuality, educates about the verbal, psychological & physical abuse faced by homosexual youth. Includes panels of parents, lesbian/gay students, lesbian/gay teachers, and other community representatives who discuss a wide range of critical issues. Class is open to all. $64 fee, bring sack lunch. Info/reg: (408) 924-2600, (408) 924-2601 or write: Gay & Lesbian Youth Education, Office of Continuing Ed, SJSU, San Jose, CA 95192-0135.

Tilden Park Nature Area Run with Eastbay Frontrunners. From downtown Berkeley, take Spruce St to the top of the hill. Just past intersection of Spruce & Grizzly Peak Blvd, turn left onto Canon Dr. At hill bottom, turn left. Meet 9:30 am at the parking lot. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.

"Basic Tax & Recordkeeping Information for Self-Employed People," a one-day seminar taught by tax practitioner Jan Zobel, EA at Marin Community College in Kentfield. $52. Info: 485-9657.

Salsa Dance at La Pena with *The Benny Velarde Super Combo*. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. 9:30 pm, $7. Info: 849-2568.

Spinning with a Drop Spindle Class offered at Richmond Art Center. Adv registration required, see 10/27 listing for details.

"Quieting the Mind: Developing the Inner Observer," a one-day wkshop taught by Helen Palmer, presented by UC Berkeley Extension Programs. Palmer draws on recent psychological research & practice in meditation to show how awareness of our own thoughts & feelings can deepen the quality of our lives. Learn techniques of inner observation that can clarify consciousness. 10 am-4 pm, $65. Enrollment limited, call 642-4111 for info. UC Extension Ctr. 55 Laguna St, SF.

PARENTS & KIDS BOX

Park Hop Doo Wop Social Group for mid-Peninsula to SF gay, lesbian & hip het parents of children age 12 & under. October's Hop is indoors, 2-4 pm in San Carlos. Info: 598-9265.

At Small Change Store: free performance for children of all ages, with nationally acclaimed singer/songwriter Dennis Hysom of *Wooleycat* fame. Hysom is known for his innovative & progressive interpretation of nursey rhymes. 10/27 at noon, 1234 9th Ave, SF. Info: 566-1234.

Doing & Viewing Art program at DeYoung Museum for ages 7-13. Tour of current exhibits, followed by studio workshops given by professional artist-teachers. Saturdays 10/6, 13, 20 & 27 at 10:30 am. First 25 kids accepted on a drop-in basis. Free. Info: 750-3658.

Sketching in the Galleries—Informal sketching of 3-dimensional objects. Previous drawing experience unnecessary. For ages 14 & up. Instructor Barbara Jackson. 10/6, 13, 20 & 27, 11/3, 10. Session I at 10:15 am, Session II at 1:30 pm. $52 for entire series, $9 for single classes. Materials included. Calif Palace of the Legion of Honor, 34th Ave & Clement, SF. Info/reg: 750-3624.

Children of Bali: Bali children train & participate in the region's vibrant, mystical arts from an early age. This 22-member company of children ages 10-15 perform 6 dances, accompanied by full gamelan (traditional orchestra), that were created especially for children. 10/3 at 7 pm. Zellerbach Hall, UC Berkeley. Tix $16, $13 & $10. Info/res: Cal Performances 642-9988.

SF Public Library Children's Events for October: 10/3—**Film program** for kids ages 6 & older—*Katura & the Catg, Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters*—4 pm, Chinatown Branch, call 274-0275 for info. **10/6 & 13—Infant/Toddler Lap Sit** for kids up to age 3, & their parents. Share simple stories with your young child. 10 am, Chinatown Branch. **10/16—Video program for ages 3-5**—*Changes, Changes; Dark, Dark Tale; King of the Cats* and *Mole & the Hedgehog*; call 292-2150. 10:30 am, Marina Branch. **Video Program** for ages 3-5 at Noe Valley Branch—*Butterfly Ball; Mole and the Lollypop, Remarkable, Riderless Runaway Tricycle*. 10 & 11 am; program for ages 6 & older at 3:30 pm, call 695-5095 for res. **10/23—Trip Trap Troupe** presents puppet show & scary stories for all ages, 10:15 at Marina Branch, call 299-2150. **Film Program** for ages 3-5—*Dogs, Cats & Witches; Dogs, Cats & Rabbits; Let's Give Kitty a Bath; Strega Nona*. 10:15 & 11 am, Richmond Branch, call 666-7165. **Come Hear Scary Stories** program for kids 6 & older, 3:30 pm at Noe Valley Branch, call 695-5095. **10/24—Gruesome Halloween Hand Craft Program,** 3:30 pm at Western Addition Branch, call 292-2160. **Spooky Dreams Film Program**, 10 & 11 am in the Children's Room at Main Library, Civic Ctr, for kids ages 3-5—*Dark, Dark Tale; In the Night Kitchen, Red's Dreams, Sand Castle; Where the Wild Things Are*. **10/25 Halloween Crafts & Stories** for kids ages 6 & older, 3:30 pm in the Children's Room, Main Library, Civic Ctr. **10/26—Children's Vampire Stories** for kids ages 8 & older, 3:30 pm in the Children's Room, Main Library. **10/30—Spooky Stories for Children** ages 5 & older, 3:30 pm, Western Addition Branch; **Halloween Stories & Crafts** for ages 3-5, 11 am Excelsion Branch, **Spider Stories** for ages 3-5 (kids encouraged to come in Halloween costume), 10 am, Western Addition Branch. **10/31—Spooky Halloween Stories for the Whole Family**, 7:30 pm, North Beach Branch. **Scary Stories** for ages 5 & up, 3:30 pm, Richmond Branch. **Scary Stories for Halloween**, 3:30 pm Western Addition Branch. **Scary Stories told in the Dark** for all ages, come in costume. 7 pm, Bernal Branch. **Black Storytelling Festival** thru month at various branches, call Main Library Children's Services Coordinator, or your nearest branch for details.



Oct 20's Potrero Hill Festival '90 includes portrait sketches.

Young Performers Theatre presents a magical adventure, "The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe," adapted from the CS Lewis series. Sat 10/13, 20, 27 & 11/3, 10 at 1 & 3:30 pm; Sun 10/14, 21, 28 & 11/4, 11 at 1 pm. Young Performers Theatre, Ft Mason Ctr Bldg C, Room 300, Marina & Laguna Blvds, SF. Tix $4 under 13 yrs, $6 over 13 yrs. Info/res: 346-5550.

Hatha Yoga for ages 6-9; Sat thru 12/1, 10:30-11:20 am, $45; for ages 13-18, Tues 10/2-10/27, 4-5 pm, $45. Gentle poses, stretches, breathing exercises, relaxation postures; to increase coordination, balance, strength & flexibility. Spons by UCSF Recreation Dept. UCSF Millberry Fitness Ctr, 500 Parnassus Ave, SF. Info: 476-1115.

Oakland Youthworks free jobs service for youths ages 17-21 offers a free 4-wk job prep & placement program beginning 10/22, call 763-9890 for info/reg.

ACT Young Conservatory Program Application deadline is 10/10. Program runs 10/15-1/19 and offers theater training for young people aged 8-18. Call 749-2244 for info.

Fairs & Festivals for the Family in October: UCSF Children's & Family Health Fair, 10/20, 10 am-3 pm at UCSF Millberry Union, 500 Parnassus Ave, SF. More than 30 hands-on exhibits on good health, disease prevention & safety, plus tours of research labs & med ctr depts. Free parking. Info: 476-1848. **Potrero Hill Festival '90**, 10/20, 8:30-11 am, $5. All you can eat pancake breakfast, arts & crafts, live jazz entertainment, face-painting, kids program. At Daniel Webster School, Missouri & 20th Sts, SF. Info: 826-8080. **Great SF Crystal Fair**, 10/6 & 7. Crystals from all over the world on display at Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. $4. Info: 383-7837. **Reggae in the Caribbean** Fest 10/6 & 7, noon-5 pm, Golden Gate Park, SF (east end entrance, adjacent to Children's Playground). 2-day fest features live entertainment by top bands, drumming, cultural dance performances, ethnic foods, natural/health foods pavilion, arts & crafts & more. $3 gen'l, kids under 12 accompanied by adults are free. Benefit for Global Exchange, call 255-7296 for info.



They're "Funny Gay Males" Oct at Josie's Cabaret, Oct 3-7.

Coming Out One-Day Wkshop for Women new to woman-loving identity: share feelings, fears & joys in a safe, confidential setting. Learn about lesbian culture, community & oppression; discuss lesbian relationships. Begin to create a support network. Appropriate for women in any stage of the coming out process, couples or singles. Mountain View location (40 min south of SF). $35-50 SL fee. Info/reg: Dotty Calabrese 968-1981.

7 Steps to Healing: A healing model for adults recovering from childhood sexual abuse. One-day wkshop for Survivors: 10 am-5 pm, $70. Info/reg: Rachel Bat Or, MA, MFCC, 428-0361. Also see 10/27.

Garage Sale spons by Golden Gate Connection, a social group for heavyset gay men & their admirers. 10 am-4 pm at 807 Castro St at 21st, SF. Call Aaron 756-5365 for pickup of items for sale.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret & Juice Joint. Josie's revives another Valencia Rose tradition with its weekly Saturday Gay Comedy night, featuring the finest of Bay Area comics. Tonight's show features stars Danny Williams, Marga Gomez & Tom Ammiano. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St, SF. Info: 861-7933.

Rock at El Rio with *Flipper*. 10 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Bay Area Women Electricians Picnic: 1st annual picnic spons by the IBEW Local 595 Women Electricians Group. Potluck & BBQ. 11 am-4 pm at Joaquin Miller Park, off Hwy 13, Pinewood Picnic Area. Children and friends welcome. For info call Marta 635-9368 or Wendy 569-1651.

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QSM Class: The Quick Release & Other Simple Bondage Techniques. Learn how to use Hal's rope harness, an original design which uses only one knot & involves wrapping the rope around itself. Men & women of all sexual orientations are welcome, over 21 only. Part of QSM's series of artistic & educational programs for the s/m community. $15. Upstairs at 1354 Harrison St at 9th, SF. Info: QSM 428-1321.

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SUNDAY

Somebody I Love Has AIDS/HIV. Somebody I Love Is At Risk—a wkshop & group discussion/support. 1-4 pm, $2-10 SL fee. At the YWCA, 1830 Sutter at Buchanan St, SF. Spons by Western Addition Family of Hope Ctr. Info/RSVP: 995-2562.

Veteran's CARE presents an Auction for AIDS: 2-7 prh at the Kraft Exhibition Hall, Sonoma County Fairgrounds. Auction features new & used merchandise & services donated by several local businesses & individuals. Includes raffle drawing with grand prize of 2 nights in a bay view room at the Monterey Bay Inn, with fruit & champagne upon arrival, daily continental breakfast & $25 dinner certificate; plus two round-trip airline tix from Santa Rosa to Monterey. Raffle tix $5. Proceeds benefit Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, and the Marin AIDS Fund. Info: Veteran's CARE (707) 829-5393.

SF Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade Board of Directors Mtg at 2 pm, general membership mtg at 5 pm. Election of the 1991 Board of Directors will be held at the gen'l membership mtg. 1519 Mission St, SF. Info: 864-FREE.

Rob Eichberg, author of *Coming Out* and founder of National Coming Out Day (10/11) discusses & signs copies of his book at A Different Light Bookstore, 3:30 pm. At 7:30 pm, the Gay Writers Series features playwright Neil Wach and writer Mark T Zegarelli. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

John Dilao & *Tropical Breeze* at El Rio, 3158 Mission St, SF. 4-8 pm, $7. Info: 282-3325.

Crysanthemum Ragtime Band in Concert at Josie's Cabaret & Juice Joint. Ensemble plays pop music of the period 1890-1920, featuring the music of Berlin, Kern, Joplin & Sousa. 4 pm, $6 gen'l, $5 srs. 3583 16th St, SF. Info: 861-7933.

Don Angle on Harpsichord: collection of pop, dixieland, Beatles' tunes, rags & patriotica on the harpsichord, produced by MusicSources & Yoshi's. Program of "outrageous, cheeky & impudent" harp playing, plus a delicious Japanese dinner. 5 pm dinner, 6:30 pm concert. Yoshi's Japanese Restaurant & Nightspot, 6030 Claremont Ave, Oakl. Dinner & show: $30. Dessert & show: $15. Info/res: 528-1685.

Candidates Night spons by Asian Pacifica Sisters (APS) and Gay Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA). Persons of color and/or lesbian, gay or bisexual candidates running for judge, board of supervisors, school board & college board positions will address issues and answer questions. Open to the public, all welcome. 5-8:30 pm at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: Ming-Yeung Lu 864-2060, Zoon 864-8812.

"Putting a New Face On" Gala Bash to celebrate the launching of the Aunt Lute Foundation and Aunt Lute Books. Come meet the authors & contributors of new releases published by Aunt Lute: *Making Face, Making Soul/Haciendo Caras: Creative & Critical Perspectives by Feminists of Color*, edited by Gloria Anzadua; *My Jewish Face & Other Stories*, by Melanie Kaye/Kantrowitz; and *Her, A Novel* by Cherry Muhanji. Dessert, conversation & short readings by authors, books available for purchase & signing. 5-7 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Donations accepted at door, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info: 558-9655.

Gay Run, Gay Walk '90: 5K, 10K, or 5K walk, spons by SF Frontrunners. Run starts at 9 am, in the Polo Field (south entrance, off Middle Dr), Golden Gate Park, SF. Volunteers, please arrive at 7 am. Info: Rod 621-2213.

Terry McMillan, author of *Mama* and *Disappearing Acts* reads from *Breaking Ice: An Anthology Of Contemporary African-American Fiction*, which she edited. Collection includes works by Gloria Naylor, Ishmael Reed, Alice Walker & Al Young. 7:30 pm. Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.

Folk Music: Bill Staines in concert at Plowshares, Ft Mason Ctr Bldg C, Marina & Laguna, SF. 3rd floor. 7:30 pm, $8 gen'l, $4 srs & kids. Info: 441-8910.

Gay Artists & Writers Kollective (GAWK) Social: 7:30 pm, call Jon Sugar 731-2424 for info/location.

Wet Jockey Shorts Contest at the Bench & Bar, with 1st, 2nd & 3rd place cash prizes. 120 11th St, SF. Info: 444-2266.

Originals & Nueva Cancion at La Pena with *Flor de Cana*, on tour from Boston. Celebratory as well as contemplative, their repertoire includes dance tunes, ballads & instrumental showpieces. 8 pm, $8. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.

"Don't Make Me Say Things That Will Hurt You," see 10/11 for details.

Unity in Recovery: 9th Annual In Celebration of Life Conference welcomes lesbians & gays and other recovering persons in Sonoma County, see 10/13 listing.

13th Annual Strawberry Canyon Run: scenic & challenging run thru the Berkeley Hills, spons by the Lawrence Hall of Science. 5.5 mile route starts 9 am at Edwards Track Stadium, UC Berkeley campus, on paved trails & streets, then climbs over 1,100 ft thru the hills to the finish line at the Lawrence Hall of Science. Strenuous run, participants should be in good shape. Free shuttle buses transport runners back to Edwards Stadium. Pre-reg fee $11, day-of-run $14. Participants receive t-shirt, free admission to Hall of Science & refreshments. Info/res: 642-5133.

Eastbay Rehab Committee Potluck Mtg: new group forming to develop non-profit organization to purchase "fix-up" real estate in the Eastbay to: train women in construction, provide transitional housing for women, create moderately-priced homes for first-time buyers. If you're experienced in real estate, grant writing, construction, social work or organizing, or if you would like to generate ideas for this project call Donna 465-0998.

Electric City Gay TV airs tonight, see 10/7.

Sonoma County Brunch spons by Bay Area Career Women (BACW) Marin. Noon brunch, followed by optional hike or winery tour. $2 at door, bring dish to share. Everyone welcome! Will discuss forming Sonoma County SIG. Info/res: Christine (707) 996-1550.

Men's Potluck Brunch spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Noon-3 pm at St Francis of Assisi. Bring a dish to share. For info/location: 626-7000.

Presidio Herb Walk: Learn to identify & use the many edible & medicinal plants that grow wild in the Bay Area. An intro to wildcrafting, plant lore, and botanical pharmacology. Get recipes for teas & wild foods, learn the basics of holistic healing. The Presidio Walk offers a wide variety of plants, meets at Inspiration Point on Arguello Blvd, SF. Walk repeats on 10/20 at noon. Info: Adam Seller 845-4028.

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MONDAY

Exercise & Sports Motivation Skills Wkshop: learn powerful mental training techniques to help you conquer barriers to exercise, increase efficiency, and enhance your exercise expertise. 6-8 pm, $25. Spons by UCSF Recreation Dept. UCSF Millberry Fitness Ctr, 500 Parnassus Ave, SF. Info: 476-1115.

Gay Men's Sketch/Castro: drop-in male nude figure drawing for all skill levels. Bodybuilder/movement performer Zoltan models. 7-10 pm, $12. MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Rm 205. Info: 621-6294.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret & Juice Joint, see 10/8.

Women's Health Group spons by MCC-SF meets. Tonight: Rachel Bat Or speaks on incest. 7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Author Alan Gurganus reads from his novel *Oldest Living Conferate Widow Tells All*, just published in paperback. 7:30 pm. Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.

"Mine," by Karen Prestininzi. An Upstart Stage staged reading of his drama about sexual, political & sibling rivalries in a West Virginia mining town. Discussion with actors, director & playwright follows reading. 7:30 pm, $5 donation. LaVal's Subterranean Cafe, 1834 Euclid, Berkeley.

The Presence of the Goddess a film by Marin County educator & filmmaker Christy Baldwin. Tells the story of the Goddess in the Western world. 7:30 pm, $5. Hammond Hall, Episcopal Church of Our Saviour, Mill Valley. Info: Becky Cone 388-1628 or Janie Spahr 457-1115.

Bay Area Theatresports (BATS) Main Event—Round 4! See 10/8.

Suzanne Farrell, outstanding ballerina at the New York City Ballet for over 20 years, discusses her new autobiography, *Holding on to the Air*. A look at her controversial life, with wit, integrity & sophistication. 8 pm, at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.

Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra in concert, see 10/6.

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TUESDAY

Aikido Morning Class—see 10/2.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: Beyondance, with Yollanda Weisberg. Yolanda gives a mini-performance demo of her unique process promoting inner healing thru movement, a combination of her 20 years of dance & therapeutic experience. Audience participation included. 7 pm, $5-8 SL. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

Beyond Censorship: a forum on the First Amendment. Panel of Bay Area cultural, environmental & legal experts examine censorship and the battle for our first amendment rights. Eve Pell, director of the First Amendment Project at the Ctr for Investigative Reporting, moderates a discussion among the panelists & the audience. Speakers include Charles Amirkhanian, KPFA music director; Enrique Chigoya, art instructor at UC Berkeley & former direc-

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tor of Galeria de la Raza, and independent filmmaker Loni Ding. Other panelists include: Dorothy Ehrlich, Douglas Foster, Peter Frank, Terence Hallinan, Maureen Martin, Marcelo Rodrigues, Mike Roselle, Ellen Sebastian & Bill Walker. 7 pm, $5. Life on the Water Theatre, Ft Mason Ctr Bldg B, SF. All welcome. Info: 752-3247. Organized by Lowell Downey of Hatley Martin Cultural Forum, co-spons by Calif Lawyers for the Arts, SF/Bay Area Coalition for Freedom of Expression, Film Arts Foundation & Media Alliance.

"Spirit Releasement (the release of disincarnate entitites)", talk by Lee Ard, certified practitioner of hynotherapy & crystal healng. 7 pm, free. Amron Metaphysical Ctr, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.

Nicaragua-based author Gary Ruchwarger discusses recent events in that country, and his latest book, *Struggling for Survival: Workers, Women & Class on a Nicaraguan State Farm*. 7:30 pm, free. 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

John Welwood, clinical psychologist & author (*Awakening the Heart* and *Challenge of the Heart*) discusses his new book, *Journey of the Heart: Intimate Relatonship and the Path of Love*. 7:30 pm. Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley,. Info: 486-0698.

Understanding AIDS Dementia Complex: a special program spons by MCC-SF AIDS Ministries. Program features video, *I Still Am/Dementia: A New Understanding*, which includes interviews with Eric Jazmen, a SF man living with AIDS Dementia, a psychiatrist & a caregiver. Eric will be present to answer questions, share his own experiences, & discuss widespread misconceptions about the problem. 7:30 pm in the church sanctuary. 150 Eureka St btwn 18 & 19th, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Divination & Personal Growth with Spiritual Tools: a 3-wk mini-series of ongoing classes for women. Explore the use of tarot, runes, and I Ching as a tool for personal transformation, as well as a valuable guide for decision-making and understanding. 3 classes, 10/16, 23 & 30, 8-10 pm, $30-60 SL fee. Partial work exchange available. Beginners welcome! Info/reg: Pati McDermott, psychic. counselor & hypnotherapist, 652-6355.

Ecologist Anne La Bastille discusses her new book *Mama Poc: An Ecologist's Account of the Extinction of a Species*, a poignant record of the destruction of the giant grebe, or poc, in Guatemala. 8 pm at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.

Jamaica Kincaid, novelist, short story writer & *New Yorker* contributor speaks as part of Friends of the SF Public Library's 10th Annual Literary Events Series. 8 pm, $13.50 & $11. Info/res: 552-3656.

Electric City Gay TV airs in the Southbay, see 10/2.

"Sex: Is It Worth the Trouble?" a lecture/discussion with Isadora Alman, parnership counselor/columnist for *The SF Bay Guardian* ("Ask Isadora"). Discussion of intimacy issues faced by women undergoing separation or divorce. Noon-1 pm, free. 521 Parnassus Ave, SF. Room C130. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Ctr & the Support Group for Divorced & Separated Women. Info: 476-0400.

17 WEDNESDAY

Discovery Discussion Group for Older Gay Men. Today's topic: "How Many Faces Do You Have?" 2:15 pm. 333 Turk St, SF. 2nd fl. Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Info: 626-7000.

QSM Class: Ask the Lawyer, with Martha H., Esq. How do the criminal statutes affect s/m play? If you are arrested, what can you do to maximize your chances for a good defense? Don't miss this opportunity to talk honestly with an s/m-positive attorney. Doors open at 7 pm, class 7:30-10 pm, $12. Men & women of all sexual orientations are welcome, over 21 only. Upstairs at 1354 Harrison St at 9th, SF. Part of QSM's artistic & educational series for the s/m community. Info: QSM 428-1321.

"Tales from the Dead" at Mama Bears, with Poets present Poets. Dorothy Alison, Pat Magda, Robin Song & other "spirited" readers present an eve of horrors, ghosties, and tales from the dead. Come in costume, or other frightfully correct attire. 7 pm, $5-7. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: 428-9684.

"How to Choose a Contractor," class taught by John Bovensi, part of Owner Builder Ctr's Wednesday Seminar Series. 7-10 pm, $25. SOMA, 182 2nd St, SF. Info: 848-6860.

Leather Etc Flea Market/Swap Meet, spons by Bondage Buddies. Event open to men & women of all sexual styles. Wares by some of SF's hottest leathermakers. Space for individuals to sell/swap personal leather-related toys & gear. 7-10 pm, $5. Call 543-3433 for South of Market location, call Mark 621-6294 for more info.

Can We Talk? Discussion group spons by Bay Area Career Women (BACW) Marin. Central Marin location. Topic—The Quake: 1 Year Later. Info/directions: Tor 453-2912.

Greentalks Series of Public Forums continues gonight with a talk by representatives from Proposition 128, "Big Green", and Proposition 130, "Forests Forever", discussing their repsective campaigns & answering audience questions. 7:30-9:30 pm at New College, 777 Valencia St at 18th, SF. $3-10 SL donation. No one turned away for lack of funds. Proceeds benefit the SF Greens. Info: 255-2940.

UCGALA (University of California Gay & Lesbian Alumni Association) holds its annual meeting, elections & lecutre. 7:3C pm the Alumni House, UC Berkeley. Free.

Brazilian Workers Party 10th Anniversary Celebration: report-back on the presidential elections (features video) and this month's gubernatorial & congressional elections, followed by Brazilian music. Benefit for the PT and BASE. 7:30 pm, $4-7. La Pena, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.

John Handy with Class jazz ensemble in a fundraiser spons by Artist for Wilson Riles, Jr. 8 pm, $12 & $15. Also a earthquake commemoration poem, "Earthquake Blues", by Ishmael Reed (from Reed's opera, "Wild Gardens of the Loup Garou"). Minors welcome. Proceeds benefit the Riles for Mayor of Oakland Campaign. 8 pm, $12-$15. Info: 652-9200 or 444-1127.

Author Jamaica Kincaid (*Annie John, At the Bottom of the River*) discusses her new book, *Lucy*, at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. 8 pm. Info: 845-7852.

Electric City, gay TV—see 10/3

Vocalist Samm Gray at Josie's, see 10/10.

Comedy at El Rio with Marga Gomez, Ngaio Bealum, Karen Ripley & Rocky Cologne. 9 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Electric City lesbian, gay, bisexual TV airs tonight in the Eastbay, see 10/3 for details.

Lunch in the Financial District spons by Bay Area Career Women (BACW) Marin: noon lunch at Cafe Latte, 2nd floor of the Shell Bldg, 100 Bush at Battery, SF. Call Ann 479-6442 by 10/12 for reservations.

18 THURSDAY

Careers in Health Fair at UCSF: designed for students & adults interested in pursuing a career in the health field. An opportunity to talk informally about opportunities in the health professsions with UCSF Med Ctr specialists from a variety of departments—nursing, physical therapy, nutrition & dietetics, medical technology, medical center administration & more. Refreshments, raffle prizes & souvenirs. Tours of individual departments arranged upon request. 4-7 pm in UCSF's Millberry Union Gym, 500 Parnassus Ave, SF. Free parking. Info: Ellen Call 476-1848.

"Just for Laughs," Women welcome Women with Comedy III: an annual event providing an opportunity for UCSF students, staff & faculty to welcome new women to the campus & renew old acquaintances. Lots of laughter with comics Karen Ripley, Margaret Cho & Diane Amos. 6:30-8 pm, Millberry Union Conference Ctr, 500 Parnassus Ave, SF. Free! Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Ctr & others. Info: 476-0400.

Aikido Morning Class—see 10/2 for details.

Women's Alcohol-Free Social at Mama Bears. Suzanne Judith is on hand to offer tarot readings. Please call ahead to reserve reading time. 7-11 pm. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: 428-9684.

Radical Women Study Group: 8-wk analysis of the reasons women are second-class citizens, and how to overturn the elements that have forced women into this status. 7-8:30 pm at Valencia Hall, 523-A Valencia St (nr 16th St BART), SF. Donation requested. Info/res: 864-1278.

"Choice in Cancer Therapy," Michael Lerner, PhD, of Commonweal, discusses informed choice in cancer therapy. Learn how to integrate the best of conventional cancer therapies with the best of alternative approaches. Part of Planetree Health Resource Ctr's annual Fall Health Lecture Series. 7-9 pm, $6. 2040 Webster St at Sacramento, SF. Info: 923-3680.

Author Ivan Doig reads from his new book *Ride With Me, Mariah Montana*, the final book in his McCaskill family trilogy. 7:30 pm. Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.

At Old Wives Tales Bookstore: night of fine storytelling with Belinda Sullivan—don't miss! 7:30 pm, donation. Everyone welcome. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4676.

New Moon Bi/Lesbian Soiree: social group of women gathers again for a selected feminist reading, highlighting ways to meet and talk with the whole gay women's community. 7:30 pm at 731 Florida St, 3204, btwn 19th & 20th Sts, SF. Info: 821-6833.

Freedom Song Network Benefit Concert featuring Betty Kaplowitz, Jose Luis Orozco, Linda Hirschhorn & *Vocalot*, plus special guest NY artist Bob Norman—a high-energy eve of songs for social change at La Pena, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. 7:30 pm, $5-10. Info: 849-2568.

Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Catholics meet 7:30 pm at the Newman Centre to discuss queer culture and the Catholic Church. All welcome! 2700 Dwight Way at College, Berkeley. Info: 848-7812.

"Don't Make Me Say Things That Will Hurt You," see 10/11.

Cocktail Party at El Rio with Nova & Friends, with dj Peggy Key. 8 pm, free. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Columnist Jane Brody signs & discusses her latest book, *Jane Brody's Good Food Gourmet*, which shows how to eat wisely without denying the natural pleasures of good food. 8 pm at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.

Outlook lesbian/gay video show airs tonight, see 10/4.

Getting Your Child Into School: lecture with Sylvia Buford. Buford & other reps from public & private schools discuss ways to identify the right school for your child, & navigate the maze of lotteries, entrance exams & waiting lists to get her in. Buford directs the Phoebe A Hearst Preschool in SF. Noon-1 pm, free. Part of UCSF Women's Resource Ctr's series on child & elder care. Langley Porter Auditorium, 401 Parnassus Ave, SF. Info: 476-2692.



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Sechika Makamura in "Layers." For details see Galleries.

19 FRIDAY

Psychic Self-Healing: Learn a basic in-the-body meditation and a daily inventory healing. Direct your energy consciously for healing and growth. 7-9:30 pm, $20 donation. No one turned away for lack of funds. 973 Valencia St SF. Info: Clare 647-9262.

"Isn't It Romantic?" A formal dinner & dance for the gay & lesbian community, featuring *Zasu Pitts Memorial Orchestra*. 2nd annual black tie dinner & dance at the Fairmont Hotel, Regency Ballroom, 170 S. Market St, San Jose Time/tix: no-host cocktails at 6:30 pm dinner & dance at 7:30 pm, $80. Dance-only: 9:30 pm-1 am, $35 in adv, $40 at door. Dinner reservations must be made by 10/5. Vegetarian dinners available. Smoke-free ballroom. Wheelchair Accessible. Proceeds benefit the Billy DeFrank Lesbian & Gay Community Ctr. Tix available at the DeFrank Ctr, and at Sisterspirit Bookstore. Call (408) 293-AGAY for info.

At Old Wives Tales Bookstore: Author Kristin A Kunzman reads from her new book, *The Healing Way: Adult Recovery from Childhood Sexual Abuse*. 7:30 pm. Everyone welcome! 1009 Valencia St SF. Info: 821-4676.

Rev Troy Perry, founder of the Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) speaks at MCC-SF's 20th Anniversary Revival Wkend: 7:30 pm tonight & tmw: 9 am & 11 am on 10/21. Rev Perry will also lead a healing service at 7 pm on 10/21. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Los Monarcas, bold, ten-piece mariachi band in a free concert at the West Branch of the Berkeley Public Library. Community gathering and evening of Mexican corridos & canciones. Refreshments available. 8 pm. Spons by Friends of the Library. Wheelchair Accessible. 1125 University Ave nr San Pablo, Berkeley. Info: 644-6870 or 664-6100.

Crystal Reeves & Kris Gannon in concert at Artemis Cafe, 1199 Valencia St, SF. 8 pm, $6-8 SL. Info: 821-0232.

"Don't Make Me Say Things That Will Hurt You," see 10/11 for details.

American Bach Soloists performance series opens tonight & tomorrow with soloists Julianne Baird, soprano; Drew Minter, countertenor; Jeffrey Thomas, tenor; and James Weaver, bass. Program of Bach's most widely known vocal works. St Stephen's Church in Belvedere. $5 for single tix. Info: 435-5235.

Savory & Sue at Mama Bears: a country-folk-popish night of music. 8 pm, $6-8. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: 428-9684.

***Geist* in Concert** at La Pena: an eve of Latin American-influenced music by Diana Stork, Teed Rockwell & Mike Scott, joined by special guests Jacqueline Rago & Carlos Orta. 8:30 pm, $7. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.

Practical Support Volunteers: free wkend training offered today thru 10/21 at Providence Hospital, Oakland. Practical Support Volunteers provide services for people living with AIDS: cleaning, cooking, shopping or transportation. Emotional Support Voluntters attend a 2nd wkend of training the following week, and offer companionship, understanding & friendship to those affected by AIDS. You can help improve the quality of someone's life, call 655-3435 for more information.

An Evening of Cabaret: fundraiser for the Yes on K Domestic Partners Campaign. Don't miss! 9 pm, $5 at The Mint, 1942 Market St, SF. Info: 252-5638.

"A Man & A Woman: A Lesbian & Gay Comedy Montage" starring the hilarious comedy duo of Laurie Bushman & Kelly Kittell. Show features two people, twenty characters, and a trillion costume changes. 10 pm, $8. Josie's Cabaret & Juice Joint, 3583 16th St, SF. Info: 861-7933.

20 SATURDAY

Anger in Action: Aikido Wkshop—Learn to use the experience of anger as an empowering force, rather than an antagonistic or violent reaction. Work individually & with partners to epxlore the experience of anger & your responses to it, in a safe, healing environment. 1:30-4:30 pm at James Howell Studio, 66 1/2 Sanchez at 14th St, SF. All welcome. Info: Cress Forester 826-2135.

Editors Lyn Paleo & Eric Garber celebrate publication of *Uranian Worlds* a new edition of their bibliography of lesbians & gays in science fiction/fantasy. 3:30 pm at A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: Robbi Sommers, author of *Pleasures*, reads from her new book from Naiad Press, *Players*, a look at "the sizzling world where love becomes a pleasure-seeking game". Reading, followed by booksigning & reception. 7 pm, free. 1110 Petaluma Hill Rd #5, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

Lesbian Social/Movie Get-Together: monthly gathering for casual socializing & movie-watching for all lesbians 30 and over—single, monogamous, coupled, confused or whatever—if you're a lesbian 30 or over, you're welcome! Potluck before movie, bring goodies to share. Eastbay location, call 531-3943 for info.

4th Annual Capoeira Batizado presented by the Omulu Senzala Group. An Eve of electrifying African-Brazilian dance forms of capoeira, samba & maculele. 7:30 pm, at Horace Mann Auditorium, 23rd & Valencia Sts, SF. Features over 20 top-ranking performers, flown directly from Brazil.

Comedy Improv & Music at Mama Bears with Over Our Heads. 8 pm, women only. $7-9. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: 428-9684.

Holly Near in Concert at Zellerbach Theatre, UC Berkeley. With John Bucchino, pianist; Susan Freundlich, sign interpreter. 8 pm. Tix $15, $12 & $9. Available at BASS/Ticketmaster & STBS. Info: Redwood Cultural Work 428-9193.

"Don't Make Me Say Things That Will Hurt You," see 10/11.

The McGilvray Chorale perform a program of works by women composers, from the baroque to the present. 8 pm, $8 gen'l, $5 stdnts, srs & disabled. Trinity Chapel, Dana St btwn Bancroft & Durant Ave, Berkeley.

Rock & roll, blues & jazz at Artemis Cafe with *Stonehenge*—Lois Kirby, Jo Harrison & Jody Vent. $4-6 SL. 1199 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-0232.

Eve of Support for Women with Cancer: Linda Tillery and her band, plus *Rhyth Miss City* with Carolyn Brandy & Angela Wellman, and speaker Jackie Winnow in a benefit for the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr & the Charlotte Maxwell Complementary Clnic. MC'd by members of Over Our Heads improv comedy troupe. 8 pm, $10-35, no one turned away for lack of funds. Scottish Rites Temple, 1547 Lakeside Dr, Oakland. No smoking, scents, perfumes please. El section & childcare available. Wheelchair Accessible. SIGN. Tix available at Mama Bears, the Brick Hut & Gaia Bookstore in Berkeley; at Old Wives Tales & A Different Light Bookstore in SF. Info: 548-9272.

American Bach Soloists performance series opens—see 10/19.

Other Cinema at ATA: Works of resistance to the deadening effects of consumer culture. Works by Maurice LeMaitre Jesse Drew, Jean Kilbourne & Robert Anbian at Artists Television Access Gallery, 992 Valencia St, SF. 8:30 pm, $5. Info: 648-0654.

Outlook lesbian/gay video show airs tonight, see 10/6.

Constra Costa AIDS Task Force needs volunteers to provide emotional support & practical help to local citizens impacted by the AIDS epidemic. Training sessions scheduled for the wkends of 10/20, 21, 27 & 28 on the campus of Contra Costa College in San Pablo. Orientation required prior to training. call 932-AIDS for info.

"Women, Men & Myth," a one-day conference on the society of men & women, from archeological, psychological, mythological & aesthetic viewpoints. Marija Gimbutas & Riane Eisler discuss ancient religious & parntership models as represented in goddess societies. Jamake Highwater & Robert Johnson discuss historical views of masculinity, the body & sexuality. Conference moderated by Phil Cousineau, author of *The Hero's Journey: Joseph Campbell on his Life & Work*. 9 am-4 pm at Scottish Rite Temple, 2850 19th St, SF. $75 registration. Spons by UC Berkeley Extension, in cooperation with Esalen Institute. Info: 642-4111.

Breast Health Day: features low-cost Mammograms available to SF women over age 40, who do not have health insurance. X-rays offered from 9 am to 3 pm at Health Ctr #1, 3850 17th St, btwn Sanchez & Noe, SF. $10. Advance appts required, call 554-9765 for appt/info. Spons by the Women's Cancer Network.

Staying Sexual: 1-day wkshop for lesbian couples wanting to increase the frequency and/or quality of sex in their relationship. Get info, support, strategies for change. Mountain View location (40 min south of SF). $45-60/person, SL fee. Info/reg: Dotty Calabrese 968-1981.

Strawberry Canyon Run with Eastbay Frontrunners. From UC Berkeley campus, take Piedmont Ave/Gayley Rd to Stadium Rim Way. Go east (uphill) to N Canyon Rd, continue uphill past tennis courts, botanical gardens, & Lawrence Hall of Science. Take sharp right to Space Sciences Bldg parking lot. Meet 9:30 am. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.

***Grupo Sinigual* in Concert:** high-spirited salsa dance at La Pena, featuring Maria Medina-Serafin. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. 9:30 pm, $7. Info 849-2568.

Redwood Park French Trail Hike: join Gay/Lesbian Sierrans for a moderately strenuous hike (about 6 miles) thru a dense redwood forest and up onto the Westridge Trail. Spectacular views of surrounding parkland. Bring lunch, water, and layered clothing. Meet 10 am in the parking lot off Redwood Rd. Take Hwy 13 to the Redwood Rd exit, go left & up the hill. Parking lot off Redwood Rd a few miles beyond Skyline Blvd. Info 526-1730.

"Faux Finishes," demo & hands-on opportunity. 10 am-5 pm, spons by Owner Builder Ctr. SOMA, 182 2nd St SF. Info/res: 848-6860.

Spinning with a Drop Spindle Wkshop offered thru Richmond Art Ctr. Adv registration required, see 10/27 listing for details.

Major Pond's Reunion Party: *MVP* plus *Zsa Zsa House* at El Rio, 3158 Mission St, SF. 10 pm, $5. Info: 282-3325.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret & Juice Joint, with Karen Williams, Scott Capurro & Lisa Geduldig. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St, SF. Info: 861-7933.

No War for Big Oil/Bring the Troops Home—march & rally, assemble at 11 am at UN Plaza, near Civic Ctr BART, SF. March at noon, rally at 1 pm. Info: Emergency Committee to Stop the US War in the Middle East, 821-6545.

Presidio Herb Walk—see 10/14 listing for details.

QSM Class: Ask the Nutritionist, with Jenne G. Part of QSM's artistic & educational series for the s/m community. What supplements should you take to promote healing after a cutting or piercing? What nutrients can help detoxify your body from alcohol or drugs? Ask your nutrition questions in an s/m-positive environment. Doors open at noon, class 12:30-3 pm. $12. Men & women of all sexual orientations are welcome, over 21 only. 1354 Harrison St at 9th, SF. Upstairs. Info: QSM 428-1321.

21 SUNDAY

Sinister Wisdom Open House for Volunteers: *Sinister Wisdom*, a journal for the lesbian imagination in the arts & politics, is open to new editorial group members. Members needed in ad sales, subscription, fundraising coordination, and more. Lesbians interested in working an any aspect of magazine production are welcome. Lesbians of color, disabled, working class & old lesbians are particularly encouraged to attend. Issues currently planned: 15th anniversary, retrospective, lesbians & class, lesbians of color. Call 534-2335 (TTY 532-8866) for location, info.

Domestic Partners (Prop K) Benefit: Gay Asian Pacific Alliance & Asian Pacifica Sisters invite you to a Victorian Tea Reception at the elegant Alamo Square Inn. 2-5 pm, $15 donation. 719 Scott St, SF. Info: 392-4466.

Jazz with *Crysanthemum Ragtime Band* at Gould Theater, SF. The real stuff—not santized ragtime. Come hear the music they danced their socks off to at the turn of the centry. $12 tix. Info/res: 863-3592.

Author Robbi Somers reads from & signs copies of her lesbian erotic novel, *Slick*. 3:30 pm at A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

El Rio 12th Year Anniversary Celebration with *El Grupo Sinigual*, Kitty Glamour, dj Carlos Grant & comic Marga Gomez. 3158 Mission St, SF. 4-8

pm, $7. Info: 282-3325.
Gwen Avery in Concert: afternoon of soul, r&b & blues with this stirring & powerful vocalist/pianist at Josie's Cabaret & Juice Joint, 3583 16th St, SF. 4 pm, $6. Info: 861-7933.
Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers Autumn Concert: 4 pm at Golden Gate Metropolitan Community Church, 48 Belcher St btwn 14th & Duboce, SF. Concert includes chamber works by John Martin, Louis Sacriste & Peter Bellinger; and keyboard music by Charles Baker and Richard Wagner, computer pieces with synthesizer by Warner Jepson; plus group of early American songs arranged by Aaron Copland, sung by bass-baritone William Severson. 4 pm, $8 donation at door.
Memorial Altar at A Different Light Bookstore: for the second year, A Different Light installs an altar honoring friends who have died. Altar on display thru 10/31, and memorial pieces from customers & friends are welcome. Info: 431-0891. 489 Castro St, SF.
Motoko Nabeshima of Tokyo, Japan, performs the harpsichord music of Bach & his predecessors in her American debut at MusicSources, 1000 The Alameda at Marin, Berkeley. 5 pm, $15 gen'l, $12 srs & stdnts. Info: 528-1685.
Country Western Dancing & Variety Show at the Bench & Bar—see 10/7 for details.
Lesbian Media Invisibility—GLAAD (Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation) sponsors a panel discussion on issues of lesbian exclusion from the media. Panelists include Andrea Lewis, *Mother Jones* editor; Kim Corsaro, *SF Bay Times* publisher; Noreen Barnes *BAR* and *Sentinel* writer; Louise Sloane, *Gay Voices* and *SF Bay Guardian* freelancer; and Ginny Berson, former KPFA-FM radio program director. Panelists address critically overlooked issues in both the gay & straight media. 7 pm, free, donations accepted. Women's Bldg (downstairs auditorium), 3543 18th St btwn Valencia & Guerrero, SF. Wheelchair Accessible. Seating limited.
Author Lawrence Thornton (*Imagining Artentina*) reads from his new book, *Under the Gypsy Moon*, a work "about the nature of courage, the power of language, and the astonishing strength of memory." Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. 7:30 pm. Info: 486-0698.
Acoustic Music with *Cats & Jammers*: from hot swing, to low down blues—7:30 pm, $7 gen'l, $3 srs & kids. In the Firehouse at Ft Mason. Spons by Plowshares. Info: 441-8910.
Gay Artists & Writers Kollective (GAWK) meets 7:30 pm tonight. Call Jon Sugar 731-2424 for info/location.
Barry Lopez, author of *Arctic Dreams* and *Of Wolves and Men*, discusses his newest book *Crow & Weasel*. 8 pm at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.
"Don't Make Me Say Things That Will Hurt You," see 10/11. Final performance!
Women of Color Concert Benefit: eve of music, storytelling, rap and African dance featuring Avotcja. Proceeds benefit Morena Women of Color 1991 Calendar & Resource Guide project. 8 pm, $7. La Pena, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.
Mulberry Grape Escape 5K/10K Run & 5K Walk in Livermore to benefit Children's Hospital, Oakland. 9 am start. $12 pre-reg, $15 day-of-race. Reg includes t-shirt, picnic & wine tasting. Info: 387-2178.
Crystal Spring Reservoir Run with SF Frontfunners. Meet 10 am at the entrance of the Sawyer Camp Trail for an up-to-6-mile run. Potluck picnic follows run, by the statue of Junipero Serra. Car directions: Take Black Mountain exit of I-280 to Skyline Blvd). Meet at Church & Market St Safeway at 9 am for carpooling. Info: Rod 621-2213.
2nd Annual Save the Rainforest Day: celebration from 10 am-6 pm at Herbst Pavillion, Pier II, Ft Mason Ctr. Info: 921-0617. Bay & Laguna Sts (adjacent to Marina Green), SF.
Luisah Teish presents "Spiritual Directions for Women: Creating Personal Rituals for the Quality of Our Lives", a special workshop for women who are ready to take the next step in their spiritual path. Led by Lusiah Teish, preiestess of Oshun the Yoruba (West African) Goddess of love, art & sensuality. Teish is also an actress, ritualist, storyteller & teacher. 10 am-5 pm at Oceansong Retreat Ctr, a beautiful center just outside Occidental (1 1/4 hours north of SF). $45 by 10/1, $50-75 SL fee after 10/1. Info: Harmony Network (707) 869-0989 or Turtle Hill Studios (707) 887-1414.
Electric City Gay TV airs tonight, see 10/7.
Sunday's Women features "Sacred Drumming" with ritualist, teacher & drummaker Myra Vicerra. Move & drum to the heartbeat of Gaia. Bring a drum if you can. 11:30 am-1:30 pm at Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakland. $10-13 donation. Info: Women's Spirituality Forum 420-1454.



Holly Near in concert Oct 20.

Strawberry Canyon Herb Walk—see 10/7 listing for details.

22 MONDAY

Gay Men's Sketch/Castro: drop-in male nude figure drawing for all skill levels. Complex dancer-like poses by waif/artiste Erich Sweet. 7-10 pm, $12. MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Rm 205. Info: 621-6294.
Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's, see 10/8.
Night of Stand-Up Comedy to benefit the Tom Ammiano for School Board Campaign. Night of laughs with some of SF's funniest—Will Durst, Marga Gomez, Karen Ripley, Deb & Mike, Karen Babbit, Sandy Van, Over Our Heads improv comedy troupe, Karen Williams, Doug Ferorri, and others. 7:30 pm, at Great American Music Hall, 859 O'Farrell St, SF. Tix at BASS or GAMH box office.
Claire Bloom ("Then Let Men Know," A Portrait of Shakespeare's Women) speaks as part of Friends of the SF Public Library's 10th Annual Literary Events Series. 8 pm, $13.50 & $11. Herbst Theatre, SF. Info/res: 552-3656.
Author Donna Levin discusses her newest book *California Street*, an SF urban mystery/comedy that answers the question "What do therapists think about when people give them such a hard time?" 8 pm at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.
Bay Area Theatresports (BATS) Main Event—Round 5! See 10/8.
Coastal Clean-Up Day with SF Hiking Club. Join the Hiking Club in a clean-up of the trash in the Land's End area of Golden Gate Nat'l Recreation Area. Meet 9:15 am at the big Safeway sign, Church & Dolores, SF. We'll go as a group to Land's End, meet the park ranger at 10:30 am at the Merrie Way parking lot, one block west of 46th St & Pt Lobos Ave. Wear old clothes, stout shoes or boots, and bring sturdy (preferably leather) work gloves with cloth shields around the wrist. Park Service provides plastic bags & other necessities. Info: Clyde 285-1260, 7-9:30 pm).

23 TUESDAY

Aikido Morning Class—see 10/2.
"A Holistic Approach to I Ching Interpretation; talk by Alberto Ramon, a 15-yr student & teacher of the I-Ching, whose interpretive method focuses on the global meaning of the hexagrams obtained. 7 pm, free. Amron Metaphysical Ctr, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.
QSM Class: Bondage with Permanent & Temporary Piercings. Part of QSM's artistic & educational series for the s/m community. Sky Renfro shows how to use thread, yarn or embroidery floss to tie a submissive either to herself or to a stationary object. Doors open at 7 pm, class 7:30-10 pm at 1354 Harrison St at 9th, SF. Upstairs. $15. Men & women of all sexual orientations are welcome, over 21 only. Info: QSM 428-1321.
"Recovery, Higher Power & Self-Empowerment," the first in a series of lectures on recovery, spons by Metropolitan Community Church-SF's Religious Education Dept. Tonight's speaker: Tom Vestian. 7-10 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.
"Revelaciones: the Photographs of Manuel Alvarez Bravo," a discusson by co-curator Arthur Ollman of the photos in the Ansel Adams Ctr exhibit "Revelaciones: the Art of Manuel Alvarez Bravo" (see Galleries listing for details). 7:30 pm, Ansel Adams Ctr, 250 4th St, SF. Info: 495-7000.
Anne Rivers Siddons, author of *Fox's Earth, Heartbreak Hotel, Homeplace* and *Peachtree Road*, reads from her new novel, *King's Oak*. 7:30 pm. Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.
Tess Gallagher discusses *Carver Country: The World of Raymond Carver*, a tribute to her husband, one of the US's most gifted poetry/short story writers. 8 pm at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.
Electric City Gay TV airs in the Southbay, see 10/2.
"Words Can Never Harm Them? Achieving Racial Harmony Among Elementary School Children—presentation by Lottye Clayton focuses on racism as a moral issue & what role, if any, schools should play in dealing with it. Noon-1 pm, free. Toland Hall, 521 Parnassus Ave, SF. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Ctr. Clayton is principal of Emerson Elementary School in Oakland. Info: 476-0400.

24 WEDNESDAY

Womantalk Discussion Group for Older Lesbians: meets 2:15 pm at North of Market Senior Ctr, 333 Turk St, SF. Today's topic: "Who's Who & What's What in the November Election," a talk with Phyllis Lyon & Del Martin. Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Info: 626-7000.
"Working with Agents as a Performing Artist," a workshop spons by Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA). An experienced attorney discusses & answers questions concering working with agents in the performing arts. 7-8:30 pm, $15. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg B, room 300, SF. Info: 775-7200.
"Fixer-Upper Homes: Myths & Reality," class taught by Michael Hamman. A classic resource for first-time buyers. 7-10 pm, $25. Spons by the Owner Builder Ctr, part of their Wednesday Seminar Series. SOMA, 182 2nd St, SF. Info: 848-6860.
Judith Stacey, UC Davis assoc prof of Sociology, discusses her book *Brave New Families: Stories of Domestic Upheaval in Late 20th Century America*. 7:30 pm at Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. A final laying-to-rest of sociological shibboleths about the "normal" nuclear family.
Classical Guitarist Juanita Rukmini Oribello plays a variety of styles, from classical, jazz & country western to ancient yogic chants. 7:30-8:30 pm, $5. Wonmen only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: 428-9684.
Greentalks Series of public forums continues at New College tonight: representatives from Proposition K, the Domestic Partners Initiative, and Proposition B, the Youth Guidance Center Initiative, speak & answer questions. 7:30 pm, $3-10 donation. No one turned away for lack of funds. Proceeds benefit the SF Greens. 777 Valencia ST at 18th, SF. Info: 255-2940.
Jane DeLynn reads from & signs her new novel of lesbian love, *Don Juan in the Village*. 7:30 pm at A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.
Benefit Film at La Pena—see *Amor, Mujeres y Flores* (Women, Love & Flowers), a 1990 Golden Gate Award-winning film that goes behind the scenes of Colombia's export flower industry to expose how, in order to produce "perfect" blooms for the int'l market, flowers are dosed in pesticides, endangering the health of thousands of mostly women workers in Colombia's third largest export industry. 7:30 pm, $5. Spons by Pesticides Action Network. La Pena, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.
Science Fiction Night at Old Wives Tales Bookstore: come hear three great sci-fi writers—Pat Murphy, Lisa Goldstein & Joy Fowler. 7:30 pm. Everyone welcome! 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4676.
Electric City, gay TV airs tonight—see 10/3.
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Comedy at El Rio with Diane Amos, Laura Milligan, Dan Morgan & Howard Stone. 9 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.
Carmen de Monteflores reads from her first bilingual novel, *Singing Softly/Cantando Bajito*, an discusses the influences which have shaped her work. "Monteflores is a Puerto Rican author, artist, mother, lesbian & psychotherapist, but what most essentially defines her is her relationship to art." Noon-1 pm, free. 513 Parnassus Ave, SF, room S30. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Ctr & Latin Women Coalition. Info: 476-0400.

25 THURSDAY

Back & Neck Class spons by UCSF Recreation Dept. A progressive approach to back & neck care. Incorporates individual exercises education, and practical tools. Thursdays, tonight thru 11/8, 5-7 pm, $55. UCSF Millberry Fitness Ctr, 500 Parnassus Ave, SF. Info/res: 476-1115.
Outlook lesbian/gay video show airs tonight at 6:30 pm on SF cable channel 6. Tonight's program features Queer Nation.
"Basic Tax Information," an 8-wk class free class taught by Jan Zobel, EA, begins today. Offered thru the Castro Valencia program of SF City College Ctrs, the class covers small business taxes, allowable personal deductions, rental property expenses & new tax laws. Thurs eves, 6:30-8:30. Register at today's first session. Info: 241-2350. Everett Middle School, 450 Church St, SF.
Aikido Morning Class—see 10/2.
SF Jazz Festival, the 8th Annual Jazz in the City Festival runs today thru 11/4 at locations throughout the City. Each night is devoted to a theme drawn from the gamut of jazz and jazz-derivative styles. Highlights: tributes to Count Basie & Nat King Cole; US premiere of a film on the life of Benny Carter; dance concert with two of Latin Jazz's legendary figures; plus the premiere of two new jazz compositions. For program information call 864-5449, for tix info call 762-2277.
"New Visions of Male Sexuality," writer/editor David Steinberg explores how changing concepts of masculinity & femininity affect men's sexual perspectives, desires, expectations, fantasies & fears. 7-9 pm, $6. Part of Planetree Health Resource Ctr's annual Fall Health Lecture Series. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.
Women's Radical Activist Multicultural Bisexual Alliance invites bi women to a discussion of classism and the bi community. 7:15 pm at UCSF, Room C213, Bldg C, next to 513 Parnassus Ave, SF. WA. Signing available. Info: 567-6883.
Ache, A Journal for Black Lesbians at Old Wives Tales Bookstore tonight, with poet Michelle T Clinton. 7:30 pm, $5 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds). Everyone welcome! 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4676.
After the Bombs: Guatemalan author Arturo Arias reads from his recently-translated novel at Modern Times Bookstore, 968 Valencia St, SF. 7:30 pm, free. Info: 282-9246.
Russian Revolution 73rd Anniversary: join Radical Women for a tribute to the 1917 Russian Revolution, and to the women who started it. Mtg also examines the continuing battles of women to win democracy & equality in today's Soviet Union. 6:45 pm dinner ($5 donation), 7:30 pm mtg. 523-A Valencia St (nr 16th St BART), SF. Info: 864-1278.
Author Gary Snyder reads from *The Practice of the Wild*, a new collection of essays on the nature of wildness and freedom. 7:30 pm at Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.
Improv Comedy with Terry Sand & The Gefilte Fishheads. Night of comedy & audience participation at SF Jewish Community Ctr, by the popular SFJCC improv class. 8 pm, $3. 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.
Terry Baum's "One Fool, or How I learned to Stop Worrying & Love the Dutch". Baum's one-woman farce based on her experiences in two years in the land of tulips, windmills & dykes. A wonderfully funny show by "the lesbian Woody Allen". Runs Thurs-Sun tonight thru 11/18 at Josie's Cabaret & Juice Joint. 8 pm, $8. Info/res: 861-7933. 3583 16th St, SF.
Special Halloween Celebration with ETVC, the TV/TS & Friends Social/Support Group. ETVC's biggest party! Includes costume contest, dinner & dancing. 8 pm, SF location. Call 763-3959 for info or write ETVC, PO Box 6486, SF 94101.
Autor Arturo Arias reads from his new book *After the Bombs*, an account of one man's search for his identity, his father, and his role as a fighter in the struggle for freedom. A humorous & sightful look into the repression in Guatemala. 8 pm at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.
The McGilvray Chorale, a 24-member professional chamber chorus, presents a program of works by women composers from Aleotti to Zaimont, from the 17th century to the present. 8 pm, $5 gen'l, $2.50 stdnts & srs. Knuth Hall, Creative Arts Bldg, SF State University. 1600 Holloway Ave, SF. Info: 338-2467.
Cocktail Party at El Rio with female impersonator Amber Glass, belly dancer Amina & dj Carlos Grant. 8 pm, free. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.
Outlook lesbian/gay video show airs tonight, see 10/4.
Here to Stay lesbian/gay talk show airs on Viacom cable channel 25, see 10/11.
The Daughter/Son Track: Parenting on Both Ends of the Spectrum—talk with Linda Mitteness, PhD. Late childbearing & greater longevity is sandwiching an increasing number of adults btwn children & elderly parents needing care. Discussion of how this is affecting the workplace, the unique needs of this group of caregivers, and what resources exist to help them. Presentation attempts to provide suggestions/solutions to the child/parent care struggle. Noon-1 pm, free. Part of UCSF Women's Resource Ctr's series of child & elder care. Langley Porter Auditorium, 401 Parnassus Ave, SF. Info: 476-2692.

26 FRIDAY

Outlook lesbian/gay video show airs tonight, see 10/12 for details.
Jay Parini (*Town Life, The Patch Boys*) reads from his new historical novel, *The Last Station: A Novel of Tolstoy's Last Year*. 7:30 pm. Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.
Parli italiano? come for an informal evening's chatter with a friendly group, from beginners to natives. Halloween special this month! 8 pm, SF location. Info: Paolino 431-6414 (wk), 282-2956 (hm).
Donyell Carter in concert at Artemis Cafe, 1199 Valencia St, SF. 8 pm, $4-7 SL. Info: 821-0232.
Terry Baum's One Fool—at Josie's, see 10/25 for details.
Marinship at War: *Shipbuilding & Social Change in Wartime Sausalito*—author Charles Wallenberg discusses his book which details the WWII history of Marinship, which built assembly-line ships and recruited women, Blacks, and other minorities in what was the beginning of a major social & cultural transformation. 8 pm at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.
Tenderloin Women Writers Wkshop present a reading of members' works at the West Branch of the Berkeley Public Library, 1125 University Ave nr San Pablo. All of the authors live or work in SF's Tenderloin District. 8 pm, free. Wheelchair Accessible. Spons by Friends of the Public Library. Info: 644-6870 or 644-6100.
Women's Open Mike Music Night at Mama Bears: room for 6 performers, call 428-9684 to reserve your time! 8 pm, $3. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl.
Contemporary Persian Folk Music at La Pena, with Aldoush & *The Human Exchange*. Performed in Farsi, Lori & Sirazi, Aldoush's music is influenced by rock, folk & traditional ethnic music. 8:30 pm, $8 adv, $10 at door. La Pena, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.
Deadline for Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr Herbal Program, see 10/31 for details.


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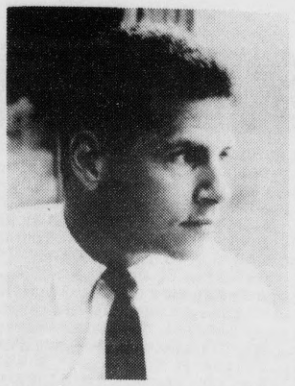
Terry Baum is back with her super dyke drama, "One Fool" at Josie's Cabaret. See Oct 25.

27 SATURDAY

Foods of Northern Africa & the Middle East: a demo/tasting with Kitty Morse, author of *Come With Me to the Kasbah* and Mary Laird Hamady, author of *Lebanese Mountain Cookery*. 2 pm at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.
"Sweet Women Suite,"—modern jazz theater with Middle Ground Dance Co. Reflects women's lives, feelings & issues. At Gould Theater, SF. 2:30 pm, $6. Info: 548-2143.
Halloween Partner Dance Party: Lesbian & gay partner dancing (ballroom, latin and country western). 6:30 pm lessons, 7:30-10 pm dancing to great recorded music; party dances, dance show & refreshments. $8 per person. MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St nr 18th, SF. Info: Gene Russo 621-8441.
"Haunted Honeymoon: A Halloween Event" spons by Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of San Jose. Dance to tunes from the 1940's to the 90's! Also costume contest & non-alcoholic refreshments—so grab your favorite ghostie or ghoulie, princess or king (or queen) and come join in the fun—at Grace Baptist Church, corner of 10th St at San Fernando, near San Jose State. For tix & other info call MCC San Jose Office at (408) 279-2711 and leave a message for Kenn.
Halloween Party with Pacific Friends, a social club for Asian and non-Asian men. Costumes encouraged, prizes awarded. Light foods, interesting hors d'oeuvres and finger foods provided by Pacific Friends. Beverages available. $7. At Plates Restaurant in the China Basin Bldg, 4th & Berry Sts, SF. Info: Jim or Tetsu 221-5769.
Halloween Party with Golden Gate Connection, a social group for heavyset men and their admirers. 7:30-11 pm. Bring potluck item: appetizers & desserts only, the club will supply beverages. $10 with dish, $15 without. Costumes encouraged! Fun also includes 50-50 drawing. At Wawona Clubhouse, 20th Ave & Wawona. Info: Boby B 871-7870.
At Black Oak Books: poet/teacher/translater Coleman Barks reads selected works of the 13th century Sufi poet Rumi, which he translated. 7:30 pm. 1491 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.
Matthew Stadler reads from & signs copies of his debut novel, *Landscape: Memory*. 7:30 pm at A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.
Dragons in Distress: authors Walden Bello & Stephanie Rosenfeld discuss their new book, *Dragons in Distress: Asia's Miracle Economies in Crisis*. 8 pm, free. Modern Times Bookstore, 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.
Annual Halloween Party with Girth & Mirth Club. Costume party with prizes for best costumes. Lots of hors d'oeuvres & drinks, music & dancing—be there! 8 pm-midnight, $5 donation. 176 Page St, SF. Info: 824-0260.
Music, Comedy & Improv at Artemis Cafe tonight with Teresa Chandler & Karen Ripley. 8 pm, $6-8 SL. 1199 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-0232.
Women's Halloween Dance ("The Stars Come Out" is the theme for this year's bash) spons by Sisterspirit Women's Bookstore/Coffeehouse. Come dressed as your favorite famous person, living, dead or fictional. Free food & beverages, music by dj Amy, plus costume contest—categories: best famous dead person (or group), best famous living person (or group), best famous fictional character (or group). Fun starts at 8 pm. $4-8 SL fee. Women only. Wheelchair Accessible. 1040 Park Ave btwn Race & Lincoln, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.
Judi Bari Benefit Concert: benefit for IWW organizer Judi Bari, who was badly injured in a car bomb assassination attempt in Oakland last May. Concert features Jess Grant & Stephen Riave. 8 pm, $5-10 SL. At New College Theater, 766 Valencia St, SF.
Melanie Monsur in concert at Mama Bears: a provocative night of originals, instrumentals & piano. 8 pm, $6-8. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: 428-9684.
Mayhem in Marin: Bay Area Career Women (BACW) Marin's second annual Halloween Celebration—8 pm-midnight at the Rafael Racquet & Swim Club, San Rafael. Call Anne Marie 459-1767 for info/details.
Dark Shadows, an "Other Cinema" Halloween extravaganza at ATA: see Edgar Ulmer's 1934 *The Black Cat*, the original Karloff/Lugosi face-off, with art deco sets, a Black Mass, necrophilia & a salacious sadistic undercurrent. Also excerpts from Todd Browning's *Dracula*, *The Bride of Frankenstein*; "The Addams Family", and a "Lost in Space Visit to a Hippie Planet". Artists Television Access (ATA), 992 Valencia St, SF. 8:30 pm, $5. Info: 648-0654.
Sequoia-Bayview Trail/Joaquin Miller Park Run with Eastbay Frontrunners. Take Hwy 13 to Joaquin Miller Rd/Lincoln Ave exit. Follow signs to Joaquin Miller Rd. Go east (uphill) on Joaquin
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Clean & Sober Halloween Costume Dance Party, presented by Living Sober 1991. If you're looking for a good time on Halloween, but want to stay away from the craziness caused by drug & alcohol consumption, join us! 9:30 pm-1 am at First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St, SF. Festivities include costume contest with cash prizes—1st prize, $100, 2nd prize $75, 3rd prize $25. Judging begins at 11 pm, $6-12 SL. Wheelchair Accessible, childcare provided. A clean & sober space for people in recovery to celebrate Halloween and raise funds for the Living Sober 1991 conference (Living Sober is an annual conference for people in recovery from alcohol & drug addiction, hosted by the SF Gay & Lesbian Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous).
Afro-Cuban Music Night at La Pena with *Conjunto Cespedes*. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. 9:30 pm, $7. Info: 849-2568.
7 Steps to Healing: a healing model for adults recovering from childhood abuse. 1-day wkshop for clinicians (see 10/13 for survivors wkshop). 10 am-5 pm, $70. Info/reg: Rachel Bat Or, MA, MFCC. 428-0361.
Settling Construction Disputes Peacefully: class taught by Ron Kelly. Mediation techniques for homeowners & contractors. Spons by Owner Builder Ctr. 10 am-4:30 pm. SOMA, 182 2nd St, SF. Info: 848-6860.
Spinning With A Drop Spindle Wkshop offered at Richmond Art Center. Intro class covers the basics of spinning with a drop spindle. Go over the steps of fiber preparation from teasing, washing & carding to spinning & setting the handspun yarn. Experiment with different types of fibers, different kinds of drop spindles & techniques to perfect and control your hand spinning. Learn to make your own beautiful & unique yarns. Bring your own drop spindles & carders if you have them, and a notebook. 10 am-2 pm today & tmw. Class taught by Deborah Corsini. $50 for class, $5 materials fee (payable to instructor at first class). Advance registration required. Send $50 check (payable to Richmond Art Ctr) to: Richmond Art Ctr, Civic Ctr Plaza, Richmond. For info call 620-6772.
Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret & Juice Joint. Stars Karen Ripley, Laurie Bushman & Kelly Kittell, and Suzy Berger. 10 pm, $8. 3583 16th St, SF. Info: 861-7933.
Rock at El Rio with *Eskimo*, plus *Helen Keller Plaid*. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.
Herbs for Pregnancy, Childhood: workshop on how to use herbs to have a healthy pregnancy & healthy children. Focus on herbs & diet for wellness in pregnancy & childhood; treating common pregnancy & childhood ailments; how to recognize what is safe to treat at home, and what may require professional advice; how to make good-tasting medicine for children; how to make natural baby products—baby powder, oils, etc. 11 am-4:30 pm, SF location. Childcare available. Info/reg: Adam Seller 845-4028.

28 SUNDAY

What About My Needs? Wkshop for lesbian partners of incest survivors. Learn the dynamics of the partner position, share experiences, learn new ways to take care of yourself. 10 am-5 pm, $65. Info: Miriam Smolover, MFCC 428-1512.
The Persuasions: incredible octave-skipping street corner harmonies with this premier a cappella group—blues, pop, r&b, soul & jazz. 2 pm, $13. Gould Theater, SF. Info/res: 863-3592.
Diane DiPrima Bookparty at Mama Bears. Celebrate publication of *Pieces of A Song*, a collection of poetry spanning



Jim Cory reads as part of the Gay Writers Series at A Different Light Books Oct 25.

her entire career. 3-5 pm. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: 428-9684.
Author Lon Nungesser (*Epidemic of Courage; Notes on Living Until We Say Goodbye*) reads from & discusses his new book, *Axioms for Survivors*. 3:30 pm at A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.
The Jesters *in Concert at Josie's Cabaret & Juice Joint. Afternoon of classical American popular song from the Jazz Era. Authentic recreations & original adaptations. 8 pm, $8. 3583 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.*
Voz at El Rio: 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.
MusicSources Debut Series features hot new talent in the historical performance world. This evening's program features Svi Meneker of Israel (student of Malcolm Bilson), playing variations of Mozart, Hayden & Beethoven on fortepiano. 5 pm, $12 gen'l, $10 srs & stdnts. 1000 The Alameda at Marin, Berkeley. Info: 528-1685.
Country Western Dancing at the Bench & Bar, with free chili & hot dogs, beginning at 6 pm. 120 11th St, SF. Info: 444-2266.
Jewish Tradition & the Twelve Steps: spons by AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Focus on recovery explored in the context of Jewish perspectives. 6 pm, free. SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.
Mexican author Sara Levi Calderon gives a bilingual reading from her acclaimed novel of lesbian love, *Dos Mujeres*. 7 pm, free. Modern Times Bookstore, 968 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.
Kate Braverman, author of *Palm Latitudes* and *Lithium for Medea* reads from her new collection of stories *Squandering the Blue*, a penetrating look at addiction & modern malaise. 7:30 pm. Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.
Folk Music with *City Folk*, in the Firehouse at Ft Mason. Spons by Plowshares. 7:30 pm, $7 gen'l, $4 kids & srs. Info: 441-8910.
Walden Bello, executive director of Food First and expert on the Pacific Rim economies, discusses his book *Dragons in Distress: Asia's Miracle Economies in Crisis*, a disturbing analysis of the fragile economies of Taiwan, Korea and Singapore. 8 pm at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.
Faith Nolan, singer/songwriter/guitarist in a concert celebration of her new album from Redwood Records, "Freedom to Love," which addresses issues of class, race & gender. 8 pm, $7. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 849-2568.
Halloween Glitter Run!—with SF Frontrunners. Meet 10 am at Hibernia Beach (18th & Castro, SF) for a 4-mile run IN COSTUME. Don't forget to turn your clocks back! Info: Rod 621-2213.
Electric City Gay TV airs tonight, see 10/7.

29 MONDAY

Commemorate the Anniversary of the Stock Market Crash: 6 am. Wear costumes, street theatre encouraged. A commemorative exorcism of corporate greed, spons by the Earth Action Network. At Sansome & Bush, (Montgomery St BART) SF. Info: 843-8787.
Codependency: Powerful Issues/Hopeful Solutions—free 8-wk course offered by the Castro-Valencia Program of SF Community College Ctrs. Topics covered: characteristics of codependency, development & progression, boundary blurring in relationships, shame-based defense patterns, roles & rules: family of origin/family of creation, changing codependent relationships. Mondays starting tonight, 6:30 pm at Everett Middle School, 450 Church St, SF. Info: Genevieve R Howe, MFCC or Beverly Wells, PhD, 922-7612.
"Psychic & Spiritual Counseling as a Support System," talk by MJ Lallo, psychic, psychometry practitioner & former minister at Church of the Amron. 7 pm, free. Amron Metaphysical Ctr, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.
Beginning Herbal Medicine Class: A holistic approach to western herbal medicine based in anatomy & physiology. Emphasizes practical & rational use of herbs to bring about change & balance, a whole-body approach to healing. Class covers plant identification, wildcrafting, herbal formulations, elements of diagnosis & medicine making. 8 Mondays, 7-9:30 pm, tonight thru 12/17, plus 2 herb walks and one Sat class to be arranged. Info/res: Adam Seller 845-4028.
Gay Men's Sketch/Castro: drop-in male nude figure drawing for all skill levels. Modeling by posterboy Marcus Allen. 7-10 pm, $12. MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Rm 205. Info: 621-6294.
Feminism in the 90's—8-wk discussion series for women, spons by SF NOW (Nat'l Organization for Women). Today thru 12/17. 7 pm, near 24th & Mission, SF. For map to first mtg, call 648-6714, leave address. All women welcome!
Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's, see 10/8.
Women's Health Group spons by Metropolitan Community Church-SF, meets tonight at 7:30 pm. Tonight's program features a talk by Carmen Vasquez, coordinator of lesbian & gay health services in SF. MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.
All-Star Weber Family & Friends Halloween Treats—presented by Fratelli Bologna. The loveable Webers host a Halloween costume party—and everyone's invited, wear your favorite costume! 8 pm, $10. New Performance Gallery, 3153 17th St, SF. Info/res: 824-8220.
The Mirror at Midnight: journalist Adam Hochschild discusses his new book, an intensely personal exploration of South Africa. 8 pm at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.
Clinical Neurologist Oliver Sacks, author of *Awakenings* and *The Man Who Mistook His Wife for A Hat* speaks as part of SF Friends of the Public Library 10th Annual Literary Events Series. 8 pm, $13.50 & $11. Herbst Theatre, SF. Info: 552-3656.
SF Hiking Club Pantoll to Stinson Beach & Return/Mt Tam State Park, Marin County: an easy to moderately strenuous hike. From Pantoll campground, descend the Matt Davis Trail to Stinson Beach (the easy part), enjoying panoramic views of the Bolinas area, in clear weather. After lunch, return to Pantoll via the Dipsea & Old Mine Trails (moderately strenuous). 5.5 mile partially exploratory loop hike, 1500 ft elevation. Meet 9:45 am under the big Safeway sign, Market & Dolores, SF. $3 mileage per car, plus $5 bridge toll.

30 TUESDAY

Adult Children from Dysfunctional Families: an 8-week, free course offered thru the Castro Valencia Program of SF Community College. Topics covered: dysfunctional family environment, roles, boundaries and dependency, formation of a personal identity, perceptions & beliefs, control & responsibility, recovery, breaking denial, focusing on the self, and the process of treatment. Tuesdays starting tonight at 6:30 pm, Everett Middle School, 450 Church St, SF. For info call Genevieve Howe, MFCC or Beverly Wells, PhD, 922-7612.
Aikido Morning Class—see 10/2.
Women's Prayer Circle at MCC-SF. A gathering to celebrate women's spirituality, all women are welcome. 7:30 pm, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.
Film Arts Festival *(thru 11/4) opens with a gala benefit world premeire—Irving Saraf & Allie Light's much-anticipated, feature-length documentary about the SF Opera Chorus, In the Shadow of the Stars.* The festival opener is a benefit for the Relief Fund of the American Guild of Musical Artists (AGMA). 7:30 pm at AMC Kabuki 8 Theaters, 1881 Post St, SF. Festival continues 10/31-11/4 at its home berth—Roxie Cinema, 3117 16th St, SF. Tix: $10 gen'l, $25 preferred seating/reception on opening night; regular tix are $6. For program details & other info call 552-8760.
Longing for Darkness: *Tara & the Black Madonna, A Ten Year Journey—author China Galland gives a talk & slide presenation on her book. For women & men interested in finding the missing feminine aspect of divinity. 7:30 pm. Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.*



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Samm Gray's vocals at Josie's Cabaret, Oct 10, 17 & 24.

"Campaneras de Mexico: Women Photograph Women," talk by Amy Conger, curator of Ansel Adams Ctr's "Campaneras de Mexico" exhibit (see Galleries listing for details). Lecture in Spanish & English illustrates the reality of working as a woman photographer in Mexico, discusses the portrayal of Mexican women's lives. 7:30 pm, Ansel Adams Ctr, 250 4th St, SF. Info: 495-7000.
Author Lynn Andrews (*Medicine Woman; Jaguar Woman*) discusses her continuing adventures with women shamans in her new book *The Woman of Wyrrd: The Arousal of the Inner Fire*. 8 pm at Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 845-7852.
Electric City Gay TV airs in the Southbay, see 10/2.

31 WEDNESDAY

Hordes of paramilitary fundamentalists plan to descend on the Castro tonight after their 3-day conference in SF. Planning meetings for a response will be held this month, call GHOST (Grand Homosexual Outreach to Sickening Televangelists) for info—648-1764.
Birds Past, Scott McGehee & David Siegel in a comic meditation on Hitchcock, part of the "Eccentric Cinema" program of Film Arts Festival. 7 pm at Roxie Cinema, 3117 16th St, SF. Tix $6.
Fright Night—an evening of scary stories with storyteller Belinda Sullivan, presented by Ache, the Journal for Black Lesbians. A celebration of Halloween (& Belinda's birthday)—if you're daring, wear your most frightening attire and take home prizes for the most original costume. 7:30 pm, $4-8 SL, no one turned away for lack of funds. Don't miss this spellbinding evening at La Pena, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.
Author Calvin Trillin (*Travels With Alice, Uncivil Liberties, With All Disrespect*) reads from *Enough's Enough (And Other Rules of Life)*, a collection of his best columns from the last 3 years. 7:30 pm at Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 486-0698.
Organ Horrors at MCC-SF: Metropolitan Community Church-SF's annual Halloween concert, a benefit for the church's Organ Fund. Features Steve Repasky on organ, Robert Gurney on piano, plus the *Organ Horrors Singers*—Randy Kikukawa, Bill Sieverson, Harry Bernstein, Buddy Symes & Kim Schmidling. Program includes "XII Spooky Variations on the Addams Family Theme by Repasky, the "Horrortorio" of Gerald Hoffnung, a special Halloween episode of "Return of the Coneheads," and other appropriate seasonal tunes. 7:30 pm, $5. Come join the costumed revelers in singing Halloween carols & hearing spoofy & spooky Halloween music. 150 Eureka St (btwn 18th & 19th), SF. Info: 863-4434.
Electric City on Halloween—gay TV airs in SF—see 10/3.
Herb Program Orientation: Orientation & start-up of new program. Spons by Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr. Open to all persons with HIV interested in the use of Chinese herbal thearpy. Safe & effective herbs for tonification & detoxification. Info/application: Louis or Michael 861-4963. Application deadline is 10/26.
Surviving the Holidays: intakes begin for a holiday group to expose unrealistic fantasies, create more meaningful rituals, and provide ongoing support thru this most stressful time of the year. Info: Alex Mackenzie, MA or Bruce Lerro, MA at 252-0160 or 834-0738.
Comedy at El Rio with Tom Ammiano and Sister Woman. 9 pm, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

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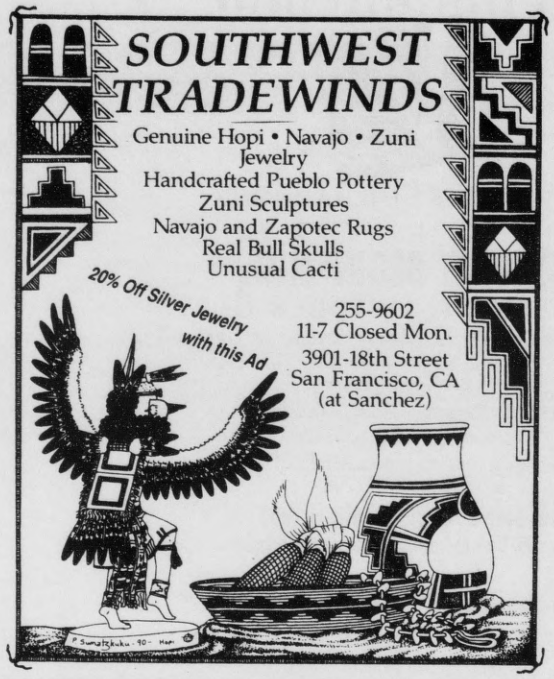
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Hotel Europa by Tom W Kelly. A satiric comedy set in seedy London. Thurs-Sat at 8 pm thru 10/6. 10/4 performance is signed for the hearing impaired. Exit Theatre, 366 Eddy St btwn Leavenworth & Jones St, SF. Tix: Thurs, $8 gen'l, $6 srs. Fri & Sat, $10 gen'l, $8 srs. Info/res: 673-3847.

The Lisbon Traviata by Terence McNally. Focuses on two men, Stephen & Mendy, who are linked by their adoration of opera diva Maria Callas, and who trade wickedly outrageous barbs at a relentless pace. The second act spins from comedy to tragedy as Stephen confronts the disintegration of his domestic relationship. Runs Tues-Thurs at 8 pm, Wed matinees at 2 pm, thru 11/4. Tix $34-24. Marines Memorial Theatre, 609 Sutter St, SF. Info/res: 243-9001.

Buddy, the Buddy Holly Story by Alan Jones. New musical tells the story of the legendary singer Buddy Holly. Thru 10/14 at Golden Gate Theatre, 1 Taylor at Golden Gate & Market, SF. For showtimes & tix info call 243-9001.

Beirut by Alan Bowne. Set in the near future, in a walled-off area of NYC's Lower East Side, where victims of a sexually transmitted disease are branded & quarantined. Sexual intercourse on the "outside" is punishable by death. A young girl chooses to share the uncertain fate of her incarcerated lover/artist, and breaks in to join him. Genesius Theatre production. Thurs-Sun thru 10/28. Tix $10. SOMAR Theatre, 934 Brannan St, SF. 8 pm. Info/res: 391-8778.

Yankee Dawg You Die by Philip Kan Gotanda. Timely, humorous & poignant look at the barriers facing Asian American actors today. Asian American Theater Co production. Wed-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 3 pm thru 10/14. Tix $5 Fri & Sat, $13 Wed, Thurs & Sun. Asian American Theater Ctr, 403 Arguello at Clement, SF. Info/res: 751-2600.

The Caretaker by Harold Pinter. The banality of small talk between a tramp & two alienated brothers runs a fine line between uneasy comedy & the terrors of loneliness. Runs Thurs-Sun thru 10/28. $12 Fri & Sat, $10 Thurs & Sun. Phoenix Theatre, 301 8th St, SF. Info/res: 621-4423.

Italian American Reconciliation by John Patrick Shanley. A fable for contemporary romantics. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm thru 10/14. At The Actors Theatre of SF, 533 Sutter St, SF. Tix $10. Info/res: 296-9179.

Savage Wilds, Part II by Ishmael Reed. BMT Theater production. Fri-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 3:30 pm thru 10/14.. BMT Theater, 3629 San Pablo Ave, Emeryville. Tix: $8-15. Info/res: 654-6172.

East by Steven Berkoff. Critically-acclaimed drama about the denizens of London's Lower East Side. Thurs, Fri & Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 7 pm at the On Broadway Theatre, 435 Broadway, SF. Tix: $12 Thurs & Sun, $15 Fri & Sat. Info/res: 434-1528.

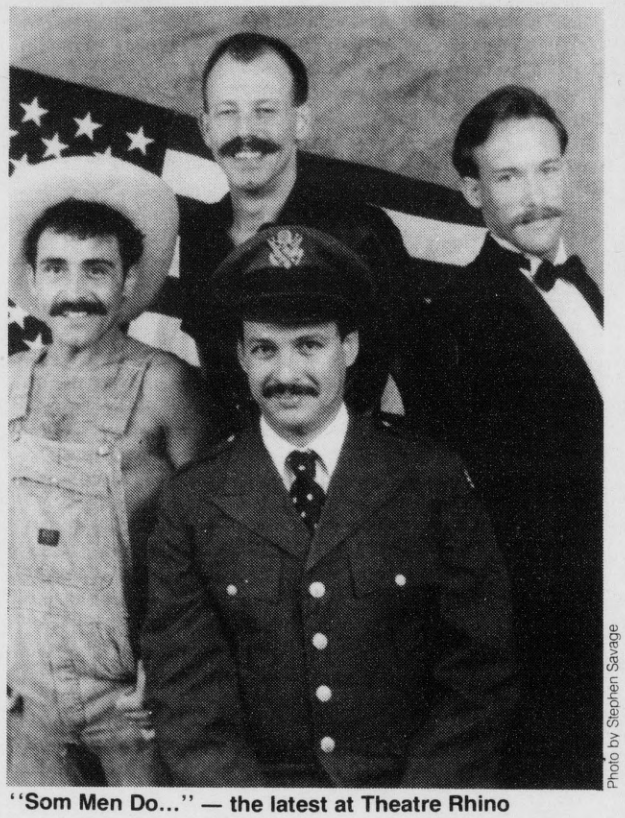


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"Som Men Do..." — the latest at Theatre Rhino

Grace Under Pressure by Grace Walcott. A tale of two beautiful women, the mobster who tries to ensare them, and the breasts that rebel, leading them to glory, fame and fortune. Thru 10/6 at the Chi Chi Theatre Club, 440 Broadway, SF. Fri & Sat at 9 pm, followed by music & dancing. Tix: $12 gen'l, $10 stdnts, srs & unemployed. Info/res: 392-6213.

Baby with the Bathwater by Christopher Durang. Savage comedy tells the story of Daisy, whose dysfunctional parents confused his gender at birth. A 5-character contemplation of the inanities of parenthood. Previews 10/25 & 26 at 8 pm; opens 10/27, runs Thurs-Sat at 7 pm thru 11/25 (no performance on 11/22). Zephyr Theater, 25 Van Ness Ave nr Market, SF. Info/res: 861-6895.

Some Men Do, A Musical Outing conceived and directed by John F Karr & F Allen Sawyer. A rowdy celebration of the gay identity in popular music. Swell Productions, in association with Theatre Rhinoceros. Opens 10/5 at 8:30 pm, runs Thurs-Sun at 8:30 thru 10/28. Tix: $10 Thurs & Sun, $11 Fri & Sat. The Studio at Theatre Rhino, 2926 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-5079.

Cat's Paw by William Mastrosimone. Drama about a radical environmentalist, his hostage, & a TV news reporter. North Beach Rep production. Previews Thurs-Sat, 10/25-27, opens 11/1, runs Thurs-Sun thru 12/16. 8 pm. North Beach Repertory Theatre, Third Floor, The Cannery, 2801 Leavenworth, SF. $6 previews, $20 opening night gala, $12 regular performances. Info/res: 928-4860.

The Wiz, hit Broadway musical performed by the Antioch Performing Arts Guild. Fri-Sun thru 10/13 at the Community Ctr, 213 F St, Antioch. Tix $8 & $6. For times & other info call 754-2161.

Fuente Ovejuna by Lope de Vega, translated by Adrian Mitchell. Spanish playwright's tale of a peasant revolt led by a young woman against tyrannical military oppression. Berkeley Rep Theatre production. Runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 & 7 pm thru 10/25. Matinees on 10/4 at 2 pm, 10/24 at 1 pm & 10/25 at 1 pm. For tix & other info call 845-4700. Berkeley Rep Theatre, 2025 Addison St, Berkeley.

P.S. Your Cat is Dead by James Kirkwood. Comedy classic presented by Glass Eye Productions. Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 7:30 pm thru 10/14. Theatre Upstairs, 1624 California St, SF. Info/res: 621-7933. Tix $12.

True West by Sam Shepard. Explosive two-act tale, the story of two brothers, polar opposites who, though they detest each other, each secretly desire to achieve the other's freedom & creativity. Diggin Hole Production. Fri & Sat 10/5 & 6, 12 & 13, 19 & 20 at 8:30 pm. Tix $4-8 SL. 1800 Square Feet, 719 Clementina, SF. Info/res: 773-8706.

A Private View by Vaclav Havel. The struggles of Vanek, a Havel surrogate, in a world about to burst into newness. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm, 10/11-14, 18-21. Tix $6 gen'l, $4 stdnts & srs. Little Theatre, Creative Arts Bldg, SF State University, 1600 Holloway Ave, SF. Info/res: 338-2467.

Uncle Tom's Cabin, a provocative new adaptation of the Harriet Beecher Stowe classic, by Robert Alexander. Jointly staged by Lorraine Hansberry Theatre & the SF Mime Troupe. Opens 10/24 as part of Festival 2000. For tix, time & other info call 474-8842.

No Exit by Jean-Paul Sartre. Two women & one man are locked up together for eternity in one hideous room in hell. Paradigm Shift Theatre production. Runs Fri-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm 10/26 thru 11/18. The Next Stage, 1668 Bush St at Gough (in Trinity Episcopal Church's Brent Hall), SF. Tix $10 gen'l, stdnts & srs $8. Info/res: 843-1093.

Delicate Pin Stripes & Other Tales, a one-woman show by performance artist Mae Meidav. Stories about the woman professional in a male-dominated, high-tech environment. Subterranean Shakespeare production. Runs Thurs-Sat thru 10/13. $8 gen'l, $5 stdnts & srs. Dinner seating at 7 pm, curtain at 8. LaVal's Northside Subterranean Cabaret, 1834 Euclid Ave, Berkeley. Info/res: 540-7743.

La Cage Aux Folles—Diablo Light Opera bring back their production of the Award-winning show 10/11 & 12 at 8 pm at the Regional Ctr for the Arts, Civic Dr at Locust, Walnut Creek. Play then moves to Julia Morgan Theater, where it runs at 8 pm on 10/19 & 20, 26 & 27, and at 2 pm on 10/21 & 29. Tix $15. Info/res 943-5862, 845-8542 (Berkeley performance).

2nd Annual Modern Puppetry Festival: 10/31-12/2 at Climate Theatre, 252 9th St, SF, with selected performances at Life on the Water Theatre, Ft Mason Ctr, SF. 5-wk festival highlights the common roots of puppetry & performance, focusing on the genesis of puppetry in the Western & Asian traditions. Performances by more than 20 individuals & companies from the US & abroad. Also performances specifically for children. For program details call 654-7654.

Solo/Mio: Festival of Solo Performance 1990 features Spalding Gray in "Monster in A Box", 10/4-7 at 8 pm at Life on the Water Theatre, Bldg B, Ft Mason Ctr, SF; Josh Kornbluth in "Haiku Tunnel" at 8 pm Wed-Sun 10/3 thru 10/21; and Will Dunne in "Eleventh Hour," 10/4-6 at 10:30 pm & Thurs-Sat thru 10/20 at Climate Theatre, 252 9th St, SF. For tix & other info call Life on the Water Theatre 776-8999 or Climate Theatre 626-9196.

Driving Miss Daisy by Alfred Uhry. Award-winning play produced by Hillbarn Theatre. Fri & Sat at 8 pm thru 10/13, Sun at 2 on 10/7. Hillbarn Theatre, 1285 E Hillsdale Blvd, Foster City. Info/res: 349-6411.

GALLERIES

On Exhibit at the DeYoung: "Central Asian Embroideries & Ikats" from the Caroline & H. McCoy Jones Collection, 10/13/90-2/3/91; "The Fustat Carpet", 10/13/90-2/3/91; "Viewpoints XIII: Ivory, An Ancient Symbol of Excellence", 10/4/90-1/6/91; "Musicians & Shamans: Ancient West Mexican Figures" from the Land Collection, thru 1/20; Willem de Kooning's "Labyrinth" thru 11/30; "Recent Acquisitions: Quilts" thru 11/11; "Jim Dine Drawings, 1973-1987," thru 10/7. Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun 10 am-5 pm (open till 8:45 pm first Wed of each month, free admission). Fee: $4 gen'l, $2 srs & kids 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Info: 750-3614.

Calif Palace of the Legion of Honor: Lincoln Park, off 34th Ave & Clement St, SF. "Jasper Johns: Printed Symbols" retrospective of Johns' work over the past 10 years, thru 11/18. "Luxury for the West: Chinese Export Porcelain from Bay Area Collections," thru 1/20. Hrs: Wed-Sun 10 am-5 pm. Fee: $4 gen'l, $2 srs & kids 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Admission free for everyone first Sat morning of month, 10 am-noon & all day first Wed of month. Info: 750-3614.

Asian Art Museum: "Yokohama: Prints from 19th Century Japan". 10/10-12/9. Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun 10 am-5 pm, and until 8:45 pm every 1st Wed of the month. Admission free on 1st Wednesdays & 1st Saturday mornings. Reg admission: $4 gen'l, $2 srs & youth ages 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Info: 668-8921.

Jewish Community Museum: "Illuminations," exhibit features works by contemporary artists who either continue the tradition of "illuminators" or whose abstract conceptions begin with the Hebrew letter. Works exhibited in conjunction with examples of historical manuscripts which explore the ongoing history & importance of written works in Jewish tradition. Works by French artist Dominique Fajnzang & American artist Martha Casenave comprise major portion of exhibit. 10/17/90-1/20/91. 121 Steuart St, SF. Hrs: Sun & Tues-Fri, 10 am-4 pm. Closed Sat & Mon. Admission free. Info: 543-8880.

Judah L Magnes Museum: "The Name is Familiar: An Historical Portrait of Bay Area Jewry, 1849-1950" Bay Area Jewish business, political, religious & cultural communities are profiled in 25 portraits & important archival documents, on exhibit 10/21/90-2/24/91 "Fritz Hirschberger: Sur-Rational Paintings", large oils on canvas depicting the Holocaust's inhumanities. 10/21/90-2/24/91, reception 10/21 at 2 pm. Hrs: Sun-Thurs, 10 am-4 pm, closed Jewish & federal holidays. Info: 849-2710. 2911 Russell St, Berkeley.

University Art Museum, Berkeley: "Sculpture, prints & drawings by Dieter Roth", thru 10/28 at Matrix Gallery. "Anxious Visions: Surrealist Art", 10/3-12/30, free lecture with curator Sidra Stich on 11/4 at 3 pm in Gund Theater; "Afternoon with Artaud"—readings, performance & lecture on 11/11 at 3 pm in Gallery B, free. University Art Museum, UC Berkeley. Hrs: Wed-Sun, 11 am-5 pm. Info: 642-1438.

Ansel Adams Center: "Companeras de Mexico: Women Photograph Women," exhibit of vital & provocative images created by 6 Mexican women photograhers—works by Lola Alvarez Bravo, Graciela Iturbide, Mariana Yampolsky, Lourdes Grobet, Laura Cohen & Eugenia Vargas, representing 3 generations of highly respected photographers—thru 11/4. "The Garden Series" by Bay Area photographer Gay Outlaw, 10/11-12/20. "Revelaciones: the Art of Manuel Alvarez", exhibit of 113 images, 10/11-12/30. 250 Fourth St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. $3 gen'l, $2 srs & stdnts. Kids under 12 are free. Info: 495-7000.

SF Camerawork: "The Language of Objects," works by SF photographers Chris Sullivan & Sara Topitzer, curated by Debra Heimerdinger, thru 10/13. "Disputed Identities", works by photographers David Bailey, Sutapa Biswas, Lyle Harris, Roshini Kempadoo, James Luna, Yong Soon Min, Ingrid Pollard, Vincent Stokes, Diane Tani & Carrie Mae Weems; video by Sharon Jue, Alfonso Moret, Marlon Riggs, Valerie Soe & Malaika Williams. On exhibit 10/18-11/24. Reception 10/19, 6-8 pm. 70 12th St, SF. Hrs: noon-5 pm, Tues-Sat. Info: 621-1001.

Hatley Martin Gallery: "Internal Traffic," mixed media sculpture by Peter Bjoern Olsen; "House Series," collage by Mitzi Trachtenberg; "Buddha," sculptural video installation by Blaes Hents. 10/4-11/15, opening reception 10/4, 5:30-7:30 pm. Hrs: Tues-Sat, 11 am-5 pm, or by appt. 41 Powell St, SF. Info: 392-1015.

Galeria Museo, Mission Cultural Ctr: "Rooms for the Dead", a Day of the Dead (Dia de los Muertos) exhibit. Features 25 rooms, each containing the work of a different artist—a universe of creations, memories & reflections on life & death. 10/20-11/20. Opening recep-

tion 10/20, 6-9 pm; Day of the Dead Candlelight Processoin thru the Mission District on 11/2, beginning at the Rooms for the Dead exhibit. 2868 Mission St btwn 24th & 25th, SF. Info: 285-7881.

John Pence Gallery: Recent Oil Paintings & Pastels by Randall Lake. Thru 10/13. 750 Post St, SF. Info: 441-1138.

Cartoon Art Museum: "The Art of Fantasia" exhibit of over 100 pieces of original art, posters & artifacts from the celebrated Disney movie. 10/20-1/26. 665 Third St at Townsend, SF. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm Wed-Fri, 10 am-5 pm Sat. Info: 546-3922, 546-9481.

Michael Dunev Gallery: Hand-painted Monotypes by 14 Artists. 10/4 reception, 5:30-7:30 pm. Thru October. 77 Geary St, SF. Info: 398-7300.

Josie's Cabaret & Juice Joint: "Rink at the Rose: Photo Documents from the Valencia Rose, 1981-85". 25 black & white photos, on exhibit thru month. 3583 16th St, SF. Hrs: 9 am-6 pm daily. Info: 861-7933.

Works by Greg Wulf at Art Lick Gallery. Thru 10/7. 4147 19th St, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sat, noon-7 pm, Sun noon-6 pm. Info: 621-5131.

New Photos by Stephen Savage on exhibit thru 10/31 at Centerspace in Project Artaud, 2840 Mariposa St, SF. Info: 861-5059.

Layers, a 60 min solo installation performance by Sachiko Nakamura, combining sculptural elements, movement & narration in a landscape of paper. Nakamura uses a paper terrain to fold, twist & tear the elements of her life into shapes. 15-min segment performed on 10/13, 6-9 pm, free. Additional full-length performances as part of Festival 2000 on 10/25 & 26 at 2 & 8 pm. Japanese Cultural & Community Ctr, 1840 Sutter St, SF. Also 11/2-3, 16-17 performance at Centerspace, 2840 Mariposa St, SF, at 8:30 pm. Tix $10 gen'l, $8 srs for full performances. Info: 553-8931.

"Diary of a Thought Criminal," black & white photographs by Mark I. Chester that focus on issues of eroticism & freedom of expression. Also psyko drawings by Michael Goepferd in the foyer & toilet. Exhibit runs Sat & Sun, 1-6 pm thru 10/21, $2 (closed Sun 10/7). 1229 Folsom St, SF. Info: 621-6294.

"This Clinic is Open!" exhibit of photos by *Bay Times* photographer Jane Philomen Cleland. 20 b&w prints document the successful work of BACORR (Bay Area Coalition for Our Reproductive Rights) against a fundamentalist group which attempts to blockade women's clinics. Reception 10/5, 7-9 pm. Exhibit runs thru 10/15. Brick Hut, 3222 Adeline, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 661-3878.

Photos by Spike: color photographs from Morocco, Palestine & Turkey by Bay Area photographer Linda "Spike" Kahn. Also see hand-woven, antique rugs from Morocco, which are available for sale. 10/27 reception at 5:30 pm. Cafe Nidal, 2391 Mission St at 21st, SF. Info: 824-6491.

"Panels of Love: An Artist's Response to AIDS", paintings by San Diego artist Tim Grummon. At the Bade Museum, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley. For info call Jann Weaver 848-0528.

Paintings by Ed Aulerich-Sugai on exhibit at Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr, 1748 Market St, SF. Part of Community Art Spirit Program's exhibition series & slide registry of artists living with AIDS, and artists who have died. Exhibit opens on 10/15. For more info contact CSAP, Box 42, 2370 Market St, SF 94114.

Acrylics & Mixed Media Pieces by Judy Herman. On exhibit 10/1-31 at Gravity Spot Cafe & Gallery, 1136 Valencia St, SF.

Dmitry Strizkov: works by Russian avant-garde painter on exhibit 10/4-29 at Robert DANA Gallery, 1849 Union St, SF. Hrs: 11 am-7 pm Mon & Thurs-Sun. Tues & Wed by appt only. Info: 749-1849.

4th Annual Emeryville Art Exhibit: works by 85 painters, sculptors & photographers who live or work in Emeryville. 11 am-6 pm daily at 5903 Christie Ave, Emeryville. Free. 10/20-11/4. Info: 652-6122.

Classic Geo Exhibit: works of Victor Vasarely, Yaacov Agam & Yvaral at Circle Gallery, Union Square, 140 Maiden Lane, SF. Thru 10/10. Info: 989-2100.

"Colombian Figurative," the largest show of recent Colombian figurative art outside of Colombia, runs 10/5-11/20 at Moss Gallery. 32 works of painting & sculpture. 214 Grant Ave, Ste 325, SF. Info: 433-7224.

Edward Corbett: A Retrospective exhibit of paintings & drawings by the West Coast pioneer abstract expressionist. Thru 11/18 at Richmond Art Ctr, Civic Ctr Plaza, Richmond. Info: 620-6772.

Works by Micah Schwaberow, woodblock printmaker, on exhibit thru 12/2 at Antonio Prieto Memorial Gallery, Mills College, 5000 MacArthur Blvd, Oakland. Info: 430-2164.

"Girls & Boys! The Difference is You," exhibit of books, collages, xeroxes, and paintings focusing on issues of gender and sexuality: the production of gender differences in our society thru family, public institutions & pop culture. All artwork for sale, prices ranging from 5 cents to $35. Performances in adjacent room, $2 donation requested. Exhibit runs thru 10/21 at the Cheap Art Store, 537 Divisadero St, SF. Hrs: Fri-Sun, noon-6 pm. Info: Susie Dennison or Chris Calhoun 775-7935.

RESOURCE GUIDE

AIDS RESOURCES

ACT UP/SF meets Thurs, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 563-0724 for info. WA.

ACT-UP Eastbay meets Wed 7:30 pm. First Unitarian Church of Oakl, 14th & Castro, Oakl. Info: 420-8864.

New Friends: a group made up of people with AIDS who help those who have been newly diagnosed. Info: 928-5352.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Provides nighttime emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers, Mon-Fri 9 pm-1 am, Sat & Sun 5 pm-5 am. Call 668-2437 or 1-(800) 273-2437.

AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH: the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses, & medical care provided at NIH, is free.

Benefits Orientation for Persons with AIDS & ARC: SF AIDS Foundation holds 2 wkly orientations for persons with AIDS & ARC on how to access governmental financial assistance programs, & what social services are available in SF. Info: 864-5855, 9am-6 pm, Mon-Fri.

People with AIDS-SF: sponsors educational forums & newsletter, addresses research, public policy & other issues. Info: 553-2560.

Women's Support Group: open to any women diagnosed with AIDS. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

Youth & Children's Groups: ongoing support for those diagnosed, & for children of people with AIDS, divided by age categories. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

Bay Area Youth Positives (B.A.Y.+'s) Support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. Mon, 6:30 pm at ACCEPT, 1287 11th Ave, SF. Info: Julie 681-2500, Scott 821-8764.

Gay Male Drop-In Group: for alcohol/substance abuse & HIV concerns. Tues 7-9 pm at Operation Concern/Operation Recovery. Intake appt: 626-7000.

BWMT/MACT AIDS Task Force deals with issues & problems surrounding AIDS & its impact on the people of color community. Info: 261-7922, 255-8378.

Marin AIDS Support Network: emotional support for persons with AIDS or ARC & their loved ones, outreach & education. Info: 457-AIDS.

The AIDS Screening Clinic at District Health Ctr #2, 1301 Pine St nr Ellis, SF. Call for appt: 621-4858.

ARC Drop-In Group for people with AIDS-related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Health Ctr #1, 3850 17th St btwn Noe & Sanchez, SF. Room 201. Info: 626-7000.

HIV+ Drop-in Group for men & women testing positive. Thurs 6-8 pm, free. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Health Project offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay 420-8181

SF Kaiser Permanente Med Ctr offers HIV + groups (for gay men, for non-gay men & women); ARC groups (for gay men, for women & non-gay men); groups for parents whose children have AIDS; for caretakers (lovers, spouses, friends & others) of people with AIDS/ARC; & for those grieving after losing someone to AIDS. Free, open to all Kaiser members, their families & friends. Info/res: 929-5204.

Kaiser Movement & Exercise: ongoing 10-session, non-intensive therapeutic movement & exercise class for people with AIDS/HIV & other immunodeficiecies, spons by CCCATF & Kaiser Permanente. Wed 3-4 pm, $10/10 wks. Stanwell Bldg, 1634 Newell Ave, Walnut Creek. Drop in OK ($2/session). Info: 943-2771.

Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.

SF AIDS Foundation Client Services Dept provides a variety of direct services for persons with AIDS & ARC: financial benefits counseling, info & referral, advocacy, women's & people of color services, emergency housing, food bank & more. For info call 864-5855.

Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446; or call (707) 887-1581.

The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.

Service Thru Touch offers massage for PWAs who are hospitalized, or live in Shanti residences or Coming Home Hospice. Massage referral for PWAs also available, at very low SL fee. Info: 664-6904 Tues, Wed & Fri, 12:30-3:30 pm.

Free Chiropractic Clinic for people with AIDS. Info: 282-4622.

Open Hand delivers hot meals to people with AIDS/ARC. No one refused service because of inability to pay. A doctor's report of a diagnosis of AIDS or ARC is all that is necesssary to receive service. Info: 558-0600.

The Family Link provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: 346-0770.

ARIS Project: emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

San Mateo County AIDS Project: spons by the Dept of Health Services. Info: AIDS Project Coordinator 573-2588.

AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF: provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.

The Ctr for Attitudinal Healing supplements traditional health care by providing an environment in which both adults & children may actively participate in healing of life-threatening illnesses. Free support groups are offered to people with AIDS & ARC, to their families & friends, & to the "worried well." Pre-reg required. Info: 435-5022.

PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) provides direct services so people with AIDS/ARC can keep their pets. Also places pets in foster & permanent homes as needed. Info: 824-4040.

SHARE (Special Human & Animal Relationships) program of Marin Humane Society offers services to Marin County PWAs with pets. Info: 883-4621.

The Godfather Service Fund: provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.

The Rest Stop Support Center is a place for and by people with AIDS/ARC/HIV+, and their friends. Drop-in for some coffee & conversation. Ctr sponsors attitudinal healing support groups & activities. Art wkshops, social gatherings & more. For group mtg times & other info call 621-REST. All events are free.

Shanti Project offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 574-6978.

AIDS Interfaith Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

AIDS Interfaith Network of the Eastbay: monthly healing services. 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United

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AIDS Interfaith of Marin: Diverse group of clergly & spiritual seekers who serve persons with AIDS, their families, friends, loved ones & caregivers. Info: Rev Dave Martin 457-1129 or write to 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, #12, San Anselmo, 94960.

The Center: provides compassionate support services for peroples with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation); Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation, etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 3421 ML King Jr. Way, Oakland 94609. Info: 655-3435.

Van Transportation Program for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center 655-3435.

Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066.

Contra Costa County AIDS Interfaith Network. Info: 827-2960.

Kairos House: resource ctr in the Castro for caregivers of those affected by the AIDS epidemic. Helps caregivers deal with emotional issues. Gives guidance in caring for one's own mind, body & spirit. Support groups, wkshops, social activities, information sharing, counseling. Info: 861-0877.

Quan Yin Herbal Program offers treatment for AIDS/ARC & asymptomatic HIV+ using traditional Chinese herbs selected for anti-viral & immune enhancing properties. Info: 861-4963.

AIDS Project of the East Bay sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 834-8181.

Parents Support Group: for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: 834-8181.

Lovers, Friends, & Family of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay 834-8181.

Project Inform: for info on experimental drug treatment call the hotline: 558-9051 (local), (800) 334-7422 (statewide), (800) 822-7422 out of state. Office: 558-8669. Group publishes newsletter. Archives open to the public by appt.

SF Public Library for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.

Couples Group for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430

Couples Support Group spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.

Berkeley HIV + Support Group: free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual counseling also available for PWA/ARC/HIV+ Info: Pacific Ctr 841-6224.

Hayward HIV + & AIDS Support Groups spons by Project Eden. Groups for PWAs, HIV+ people, their lovers, friends & families. Mon & Wed. Info: 887-0566.

HIV Positive Veterans: support group for vets in any stage of HIV infection. Monday eves, free. Vet's Ctr, nr 19th St BART, Oakland. Info: Mike Rankin 273-7331.

HIV + Lesbians Support Group: spons by Iris Project. Call 864-2364 for info.

San Joaquin AIDS Foundation: 4410 North Pershing Ave, Ste C-5, Stockton. PO Box 8277, Stockton, CA 95208. (209) 476-8533. 1st & 3rd Mon of each month: "Gather Round" support group for the HIV+, persons with AIDS/ARC; 6:30-8 pm at SJAF office. 2nd & 4th Tues: "Hand to Hand" support group for SJAF volunteers, 7 pm at SJAF office. Every Wed: "Stockton Connection" gay rap group discusses safe sex, AIDS, health issues & lifestyle management.

Caregivers Call-In: for health professionals & volunteers. Provides free telephone consulting on personal issues related to taking care of people with AIDS. Mon-Fri 7-10 pm. Call 882-2411. Spons by the CareGivers Project.

Home Care Wkshops: 17-hr wkshops offered by Home Care Companions, a nonprofit organization. For friends/family taking care of HIV patients in the home. Expand your knowledge of home nursing, social services, legal, medical & psychological issues. Info: 824-3269.

Men's Couples Group: focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: David Hoefer, LCSW or Bettye Travis 834-8181.

Lovers, Family & Friends of People with AIDS/ARC. Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: offers free simple wills & powers of attorney for people with AIDS or ARC, & other AIDS related legal services; including Insurance/Employee Benefits Clinic. 114 Sansome St, Ste 1103, SF 94104. Info: 291-5454.

AIDS Legal Services for people with AIDS or ARC or who are HIV positive in Santa Clara County. Help preparing wills & power of attorney. Free or SL fee services. Spons by Santa Clara County Bar Assoc Law Foundation. Info: (408) 293-3135.

PWA/PWARC Switchboard: staffed by people with AIDS & ARC. Please call if you're in need of advice, looking for info, confused & anxious or depressed. We want to help. Staffed Mon-Fri 9 am-6 pm, Sat 11 am-5 pm. At other times leave message. Info: 861-7309.

AIDS Support Group for people with AIDS, spons by St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF. Free. Info: Kevin Rist, MD 750-5815 or Daniel Ostrow 750-5733.

AIDS Mastery Workshops: transformative & healing weekends. No PWA or PWARC turned away for lack of funds. Info: Scott 821-4788.

Shanti Project Residences: Shanti provides low-cost, longterm housing to people with AIDS. Each of 12 residence houses are home to 3-6 people. Private bedrooms, all other living spaces shared. Resident Advocates assist with home health care, transportation, medical intervention of social services. Residents pay ¼ of their monthly income as rent. For info on renting housing or to make a donation: Shanti Residence Care rogram 777-CARE.

Peter Claver Community offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.

JFCS AIDS Project: Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: counseling, case management, PWA/PWARC support group, emergency financial assistance, meal delivery, "buddies", spiritual gatherings, & support for out-of-town family members. Also speakers' bureau. Coordinator: Jody Reiss 561-1241. 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.

Emergency Health Fund spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $1000/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Division.

Asian AIDS Project offers info & education to individuals & groups in SF. Information can be given in English, Cantonese, Mandarin & Vietnamese. 300 4th St, (corner of Folsom & 4th), Ste 401, SF. Info: Lori Lee 227-0946.

Group for Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men—Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: Kiki Ching, LCSW 558-2507.

Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr: the only drop-in center for people with AIDS in Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.

AIDS Information BBS: (415) 626-1246 24 hours. 2400/1200/300 baud. Sysop Ben Gardiner. Free, all welcome. Statistics from Atlanta & SF displayed, updated regularly. Sample Q & A about AIDS, based on clinic & phone exchange experience. Mail send/receive on AIDS only. Library of hard-to-find & out-of-print matter here for downloading from screen. Uploads by appt on another line. Voice phone: 626-1245. Calls to this BBS never disturb anyone.

Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research (DAIR) maintains collection of clippings from magazines, newspapers & other sources on AIDS & related subjects from the 70s to the present. Hrs: 11 am-4 pm on Sat, and by appt. Info: 552-1665.

Move on AIDS trains caregivers to protect their own back as they help people with AIDS move effectively in and around their bed. 2½ hr wkshop teaches body mechanics, transfer skills, exercises to teach PWA/PWARCs. Info: 648-4045.

SF Healing Circle: supportive space for anyone on a path of self-healing & love. Meets Thurs eves, 7:30-10 pm at SF Dance Theatre, 60 Brady St, SF (btwn 12th & Valencia, across from Zuni Cafe). Info: Gregg 863-2334.

Food for Thought: AIDS food program for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Free groceries, sundries. For info, or to volunteer or donate, write PO Box 1357, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call (707) 887-1647.

Gay Rescue Mission operates drop-in ctr/soup kitchen for people with AIDS or HIV or who are in high-risk groups. Also Twelve Step programs, emergency food, clothing & care. Info: 863-4882.

AIDS Healing Wkshop: well-established, free wkly discussion group built around the question, "What have you been doing for yourself that represents healing for you?" Focus on healing methods, techniques & alternatives. Open to anyone dealing with the AIDS virus. Thurs nights, 7-9 pm in USF campus ministry lounge, Golden Gate Ave btwn Masonic Parker, SF. Facilitated by Glenna Morea & Richard McCormack. Info: 567-7126.

HIV Negative Support Groups: testing negative is great, but can present problems of its own. Some become so fearful that they give up all sex; others are others are overwhelmed by the pain of watching their friends & lovers die. Get support to deal with "survivor guilt" and others issues surrounding testing negative. Reply with name, address & phone number to Groups, c/o Pierre, PO Box 0884, SF CA 94143-0884. All replies are confidential.

HIV + Social Group meets every 3rd Sat of the month. Diamond Heights condo, SF. 7-10 pm. Info: 824-3370.

AIDS/ARC/HIV + Social Group for men. Meets Wed 6-9 pm in the Castro area. Info: Michael Smith 550-1957.

Postives Being Positive: peer support group for people who have tested positive to HIV. Ongoing, wkly mtgs in private homes. Spons by the AIDS Health Project. No fee. Info: 476-3902.

POW (Positive Opportunities for Wellness) Support Group for HIV+, ARC or AIDS wonderful people. Thurs 7:30-9:30 pm, free, donations accepted. Spiritual, mental & emotional sharing for self-healing in a friendly environment. Refreshments served. Spons by the Baird Institute. Info/res: Randy Shepard 285-3561.

The Living Room (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV+ & for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Wheelchair Accessible. 4035 18th ST at Castro (next to Hot 'n Hunky). Call 252-1150 for hours & other info.

Bisexual & Heterosexual Men's HIV Group meets Wed. Free. Spons by SF AIDS Foundation. Info: Christopher Alexander 864-5855, ext 2511.

Community Spirit Healing Circle (CSHC): supportive space for people on the path toward self-healing, who are dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV, recovery from addiction & other health issues, who seek greater self-understanding, peace & joy. Safe, loving atmosphere fosters exchange of ideas, health info, emotional support. Sun. Doors open at 7 pm, circle starts promptly at 7:30. Info: Greg Williams 673-7397.

STOP AIDS Mtgs for gay & bisexual men. Meet 12-15 other guys for a one-time, free, informal mtg to talk about safe sex (whether you're a beginner or have lots of experience), coping with the epidemic, & what you can do to help end it. Evenings & wkend mtgs. Call Randy or Buck at STOP AIDS Project for reg/info: 621-7177.

Healing Alternatives Foundation (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV+, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-

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Passive Immunotherapy (PATH): AIDS maintenance therapy in which plasma from health HIV+ donors is given to recipients with AIDS/ARC. For info about PATH write the PATH Project, Passive Immunotherapy Foundation, 1748 Market St, SF 94102 or call 626-8455.

Visual AID: Artists for AIDS Relief: call 391-9663 for info. 530 Bush St, Ste 403, SF 94108.

HIV Positive Lesbians: support group spons by the Iris Project. Break thru isolation, learn new skills, get info, discover alternatives. Get assistance in maintaining sobriety. Call 864-2364 for intake appt/info. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.

Women with HIV Concerns: free, confidential counseling available thru Iris Project. Call Nehoma 864-2364 for an appt/info.

African-American Men with AIDS/ARC/HIV: support group: emotional support, benefits counseling, education & info. Thurs at 5:30 pm. SF AIDS Foundation, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 864-5855.

Grief Support Group for people, family & friends having lost a special person, significant other or life partner to AIDS or related illness. Ongoing, confidential grief support group spons by Vesper Hospice. Mon eves, 7-8:30 pm. 311 MacArthur Ave, San Leandro. Info: Nancy Sobonya 632-4390 (days).

Self-Healing Wkshop: ongoing workshops open to people who are HIV positive & people who have AIDS/ARC. Caregivers, friends & lovers are welcome. Focus on meditative & stress management techniques, with discussion centering around the question, "What have you been doing for yourself that represents healing for you?" Eclectic approach, participants share ideas. Spons by AIDS Health Project. Info: Erik Wheaton 476-3900. Wkshop facilitated by Richard McCormack. Mondays, 7-9 pm, Davies Medical Ctr, SF. In the Gazebo Room.

Federal Benefits Seminars: twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client Services Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF 6th floor. Info/res: call the on-duty social worker 864-5855, pre-reg by phone is required.

Free Tax Assistance to Persons with AIDS & ARC, offered by SF AIDS Foundation. Trained volunteers from TAX AID program help you with your 1989 federal & state tax returns. To qualify an individual must have earned $16,000 or less, with no more than $2,000 for each family member. For info call 864-5855 and ask for the on-duty social worker.

PEN American Ctr Grant Fund provides assistance to writers & editors with AIDS: $500-$1000 grants. Writers do not have to be members of PEN, but must be published writers or produced playwrights, or editors. Writers will be asked to submit samples of their works, and editors, a professional curriculum vitae. Applications for grant money are reviewed every 6 weeks, small awards may be available more quickly. For info/application call (212) 334-1660; for donations send to: PEN AIDS Fund, PEN American Ctr, 568 Broadway, NY NY 10012.

Mental Health Grand Rounds spons by UCSF AIDS Health Project as a public service to the AIDS caregivers community. Monthly series educates professionals & others in various psychosocial issues related to the AIDS epidemic & HIV infection. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. Info: 476-6430.

► ADDICTION RECOVERY

Iris Project (division of the Women's Institute for Mental Health) provides help for women wanting to achieve & maintain sobriety; and is one of the few agencies providing services specifically for lesbians. Groups include: early, middle & ongoing recovery; women of color; HIV + lesbians; lesbian relationships in later recovery; & an education group. Individual counseling provided. For info/intake appt call 864-2364 (for middle or later recovery groups) or drop in at orientation (Mon-Thurs at 3 pm) for early recovery group & individual counseling. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.

Women's Alcoholism Ctr provides residential, outpatient & educational services for women, children & families. 2261 Bryant St, SF. Info: 282-8900.

Smith House detox center for women. Six-bed, non-medical alcoholic detox facility designed by women for women, spons by Haight Ashbury Free Clinics. Info: 626-6763.

Orchid Women's Recovery Ctr: 12-bed, residential, peer-oriented, alcohol program for women, and women with children (ages 2-12). Services include women's issues, family & alumni groups, recovery & re-entry planning, alcohol-related education, follow-up-groups and more. 1342 E 27th St, SF. Info: 535-0611.

GROW (Gay & Recovering Our Worth), a program of Archway/San Mateo: provides drug & alcohol counseling to San Mateo's gay/lesbian community. Info: 347-0473.

Mills-Peninsula Hospital Chemical Dependency Ctr, largest drug & alcohol outpatient treatment ctr in the Bay Area, offers specialized lesbian & gay treatment services. 12-week, medically-supervised individual treatment program. Confidential. Two blocks from BART in Daly City. Info: 696-5544.

Acceptance Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for gay men. 673 San Jose, SF. Info: 695-1708.

Baker New Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for men & women who are HIV positive. 1375 Grove St, SF. Info: 346-6193.

Secular Organizations for Sobriety (SOS), alternative grassroots support group for recovering alcoholics & addicts. SOS appeals especially to persons who may be uncomfortable with the "Higher-Power" concepts of more traditional religious or 12-Step groups. Info: SF—255-1622, EB—534-8638), No Calif—332-1418.

AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Wkly mtgs for AA, NA & OA members at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. For times & other info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.

Dianic Witch Coven for lesbians working on recovery. Info: write Sami, PO Box 191294, SF CA 94119.

Adult Children of Alcoholics ongoing & time-limited therapy groups at the Haight Ashbury Free Medical Clinic. SL, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info/intake appt: 552-7230.

Lesbian/Gay People of Color AA mtgs at San Antonio Community Development District House, 2228 East 15th St, Oakland. Sat 10:30 am. Info or to confirm time/mtg place, call 536-1715.

Alanon for Black Gay & Lesbian ACAs: Thurs 7:30 pm, Bethany United Methodist Church Social Hall, 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper (enter on Clipper, 1st mtg on 5/10). Info: 995-2581.

Children of Alcoholics/Addicts Group for Children of Color. Thurs 4-30-5:30 pm. Build self-esteem, learn to express feelings in safe environment. SL fee to $5. ACCEPT, 1287 11th Ave at Irving, SF. Info: Mary Jayne 681-2500.

Youth Prevention/Intervention Group for adolescent drug & alcohol abusers: Thurs 6-7:30 pm, free. Family & individual counseling available. Info: ACCEPT 681-2500.

Alanon/ACA Mtg at Rest Stop for people dealing with AIDS/ARC or HIV+. See AIDS Resources or call 621-REST.

Al-Anon for Gay Men and Women meets Tues, 8 pm, Trinity Episcopal Church, Bush & Gough Sts, SF. Al-anon is made up of people who have been deeply affected by alcoholism in a family member, lover or friend. Info/list of SF Al-Anon mtgs: 626-5633.

Lesbians & Gay Men Alanon Family Group meets 8 pm in the Library at Cathedral House, California at Taylor, SF. Nonsmoking. Info: 626-5633. Call to confirm mtg place & time.

Adult Children of Alcoholics for Gay Men: Al-Anon Family Group meets Thurs, 8 pm, at MCC, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 626-5633, call to confirm place & time.

ACA Gay/Lesbian 12 Step Mtg: Wed 8 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. For info on this & other ACA mtgs: 931-2262.

Alanon for Lesbian Adult Children of Alcoholics meets 6:30 pm, Bethany Methodist Church, corner of Clipper & Sanchez, SF. Info: 626-5633. Call to confirm place & time.

Friday Night Gay Men's Step Study Alanon Family Group Mtg: (open) 8 pm, 217 Church St, SF. Info: Call to confirm place & time 626-5633.

Lesbian Incest Survivors in Recovery from Drug Addiction Group—see Incest & Battery.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: see Incest & Battery.

Overeaters Anonymous gay, lesbian, bisexual mtg (open to all). Sun eves 7-8:30 pm at Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, Danvers & Caselli, SF.

Men's Overeaters Anon Mtg: every Wednesday. For info on OA meetings for gay/lesbians & others call OA Hotline: 821-4642.

Gay Male Drop-in Group for alcohol/substance abuse & HIV concerns, see AIDS Resources. Spons by Operation Concern/Operation Recovery.

Drop-in Group for gay men with substance abuse issues. Tues eves 7-9 pm. All gay men welcome. Info, support & referral regarding chemical dependency. Spons by Operation Concern. 1853 Market, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Marijuana Anonymous: Fri 7:30 pm, MCC-SF 150 Eureka St, SF. Rm 105.

Fundamentalists Anonymous support group: explore the experience of having once been a fundamentalist Christian with others who've been there, too. Call 832-2334.

Theology Anonymous: gay/lesbian former seminarians/clergy recovering from church indoctrination. Share experiences, support spiritual growth beyond old limits. Informal group/network. Info: 528-7760.

Women & Cults: support group for women who have left cults. Info: 530-9696 until 10:30 pm.

Quit Smoking Clinic: 8-session courses for smokers who are serious about quitting. Led by ex-smokers. $30. Limited enrollment. Spons by SF Dept of Public Health. Info/res: 558-2444, 558-2226.

Gay Men's Recovery Program incorporating education, intensive group work & socializing. Info: Operation Recovery 626-7000.

Marin Al-Anon for gay men & women: Wed 8:30 pm. Info: 924-3430.

Gay Men with Sexual Compulsive Behavior: wkly group lasting approx 9 months. Focus on concerns relating to sexually compulsive behavior. Mon 5:30-6:30 pm at Operaton Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. For info/intake appt call 626-7000.

Men Overcoming Sexual Compulsion: ongoing self-help groups meets Fri eves in SF. Occasional openings available, 12-wk commitment. Info: Jay 239-0585.

Sexual Compulsivity: a group for lesbians. Gain a richer understanding & acceptance of sexual addiction issues. SF location. Info: SJ Kahn 532-8866, Nan Schlosberg 282-9831.

For More Listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"Recovery/Addiction Therapy/Support Groups"** heading.

► ARCHIVES

The Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern California collects, preserves & disseminates materials related to local gay & lesbian experience. Also sponsors public programs & wkshops on lesbian/gay history. 2940 16th St, SF. Info: 626-0980, or write: GLHSNC, PO Box 42126, SF, 94142. Hrs: Wed 6-9 pm, Sat 2-5 pm, you must call ahead before coming to Archives.

Lesbian & Gay Books & Magazines available at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, 3555 16th St, SF. 3-wk loan. Hrs: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1-6 pm; Tues 10 am-6 pm; Wed 1-9 pm. Donations of lesbian & gay material, bequests or checks payable to the Gay & Lesbian Collection (SFPLGLC) are very welcome (and tax deductible). Info: 626-1132.

Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research (DAIR) maintains a collection of clippings from magazines, newspapers, & other sources on AIDS & related subjects, from the 70s to the present. Hrs: 10 am-4 pm Sat, and by appt. Info: 552-1665.

► CALL FOR ENTRIES

Lesbian Cartoon Club Zine Number Two, titled "She Done Me Wrong" is seeking submissions "about the worst relationship of your life". Send cartoons, articles & doggerel, camera ready black & white, 5" by 7.5" (do not send originals) to Roxxie the Sleepless, PO Box 2784, Castro Valley, CA 94546. Deadline: 10/25/90.

AIDS: Keeping Women in Focus. Call for contributions to the 1991 Women & AIDS Conference & Health Fair, 4/19-20/1991. Spons by the Fenway Community Health Ctr & the Bostom AIDS Consortium. Proposals which address the full range of women's experiences with HIV are welcome. Deadline: 12/1/90. Info: Women & AIDS Conference Coordinator, Fenway Community Health Ctr (617) 267-0900.

Call for Nominations: American Library Association Gay & Lesbian Task Force seeks nominations for its 1991 Gay/Lesbian Book Awards. Not limited to American or English-language publications. Short statement describing why the book is being nominated must accompany the nomination. Any individual or group not affiliated with the publisher of the book may send nominations to the Gay/Lesbian Book Award Committee, c/o Adam L Schiff, Asst Science Librarian, University of Colorado at Boulder, Campus Box 184, Boulder, CO 80309-0184 for fax the



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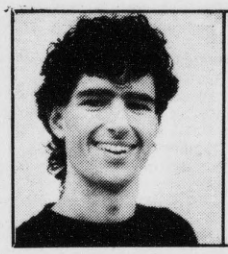
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Butch-Fem Anthology: Joan Nestle, co-founder of NY's Lesbian Herstory Archives, seeks submissions for an anthology exploring butch-fem identity & experience. Women who identify as butch or fem are invited to send poems, short stories, biographical moments, analytical comments, essays & photos for possible inclusion. Contemporary voices, as well as those from other generations, are welcome. Cassette recordings accepted. Anthology will be published by Alyson, and contributors will be paid. Info: Joan Nestle, 215 W 92nd St, NY NY 10025. Deadline: 1/91.

1991 Lesbian Fiction Contest spons by Spinsters Book Company. Entries must be submitted between 1/2/91 and 2/28/91. For guidelines & other info write Spinsters Book Company, PO Box 410687, SF CA 94141.

GAWK, a quarterly magazine of the arts, seeks submissions of art & writing relating to the experience of being gay, from all social/cultural/gender perspectives. Info: PO Box 31431 SF, CA 94131, 864-5434

St Sebastian Press, a nonprofit, non-religiously aligned press, is accepting entries for its 1990 Anthology of gay & lesbian authors and illustrators. The anthology will be a collection of stories, poems, essays, illustrations & photos that encompass the theme of the quality of life of gays & lesbians in today's culture. Cash prizes ($1,500 and $100) offered for winning work in each of two categories, writing & illustration. Entries must be original & previously unpublished, and reflect the theme of the competition. Manuscripts must be typed, double-spaced. The illustration category includes any readily reproducible 2-dimensional format (drawing, photo, painting, printmaking, etc), send entries in 35m slide format). Send to St Sebastian Press, 714 Portland Ave. S, Minneapolis, MN, 55415. Deadline: 11/15/90.

PCTV Cable Network seeks submissions for Int'l Film & video Festival for Black History Month 1991. Theme: Global Africa—Looking Back, Looking Foward. Requirements: ¾" (½" VHS possible), NTSC only. Exhibition-quality videocassette accompanied by entry form & $10. Info: PCTV 464-3253. Deadline: 11/15/90.

Mothertongue Feminist Theater is re-creating the "Survival" script & seeks submissions of writings (dialogue, poems, stories, one-liners, etc) reflecting women's multi-faceted struggle for survival. Send material to: MTFT, c/o Ruby Fowler, 408 Haight St, SF 94117 or call Ruby 621-4366.

Bay Area Bisexual Network Magazine seeks submissions from bisexuals on such toics as coming out, living with HIV, invisibility, alternative lifestyles, etc. Submissions from people of color, of age, different abilities, especially welcome. Fiction & poetry accepted. Send to: BABN, 2404 California St #24, SF 94115.

"Bonehead & Betty: Stories of Butch Recovery, An Anthology". Tribas Publishing Group seeks submissins from lesbians for their current project. Also interested in stories & articles re femme roles & gender fuck. Send submissions to Ruby Fowler, 408 Haight St, SF CA 94117 or call 621-4366 for more info.

Coupled Women & Women on Coupling: Contributions sought for an anthology on marriage—pros & cons, political & social ramifications for lesbian & feminist culture. If you've been together for more than three years, have elected not to marry, or have considered this subject in detail & can elaborate on it in essay form, please contact Suzanne Ascher 530-7559 for more info.

► FUN & GAMES

SF Walking Tours: explore the waterfront by full moon, see the hidden gardens & stairways of Russian Hill, the murals of the Mission & embassies of Pacific Heights—free tours of SF neighborhoods by trained City Guides. For info or to arrange special group tours: 558-3981 Tues-Thurs 10 am-3 pm. Spons by Friends of the SF Public Library.

SF Friends of the Urban Forest Walking Tours: free tours thru 9 SF neighborhoods, designed to bring out relationship between the natural, historical & cultural of an area & its history, land development, architectural features, cultural influences & special events. Info: 543-5000. 512 2nd St, 4th fl, SF.

Victorian & Edwardian Pacific Heights Walk. Guided walking tour of the eastern Pacific Heights neighborhood. See surviving Victorian & pre-WWI era mansions, elaborate family homes, smaller row houses. 2-hr tour, routes change frequently. Guides stress various aspects of neighborhood. Sun, 12:30 pm. $3 gen'l, $1 srs & kids under 12. Spons by Heritage, the Foundation for SF's Architectural Heritage. Info: 441-3000.

Cruisin' the Castro from a historical perspective. Walking Tours of "our neighborhood." Entertaining & informative; includes vignettes illuminating aspects of gay history from 1849 to the present. A source of gay pride. Reservations required. Info: Trevor Hailey 550-8110.

Free Tours of Golden Gate Park: walking tours with guides from Friends of Recreation & Parks, every wkend thru October. Tours last about 1½ hrs & are given rain or shine. Learn about the history & plant life of Strawberry Hill, Conservatory Valley & the other scenic areas which make Golden Gate Park so unique. Info/res: 221-1311.

► HEALTH

Women's Clinic at District Health Ctr#1 provides medical screening for cancer of the breast, thyroid & cervix, and STDs. Confidential. SL. 3850 17th St, SF. Info: 558-3905.

PAP Tests at City Clinic: also diagnosis, treatment & counseling, for vaginitis conditions, enteric diseases. Screening & referral for AIDS. Bilingual (Spanish) staff available. Confidential, low cost services. 356 7th St, SF. Info: 864-8100.

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr: low-cost, nonprofit clinic. Offers special services for people with HIV on Tues & Fri afternoon, spons Chinese Herbal Treatment Program for HIV and fertility program for women & men who are trying to conceive. Also offers Chinese & American herbal preparations. Office hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm. Info: 861-4964.

American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine: professional teaching clinic offers Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture, tui-na (Chinese physio-massage) & Chinese nutritional counseling. SL fee. MediCal accepted. 450 Connecticut St at 20th (on Potrero Hill), SF. Info: 282-9603.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Sensitive primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include: gen'l medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). WA. SL. 2480 Mission nr 21st St, SF. Info/appt: 641-0220.

Lesbian Clinic of the Berkeley Women's Health Collective provides personal, affordable health care by lesbian practitioners. Gen'l medicine & chiropratic care to evaluate health needs. Gynecological, gen'l medical & mental health services available. Also feminist therapy referrals. Mon 7-9 pm. Call for appt: 843-6194. WA.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr: info, support, resource & advocacy ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in. Support Groups: Drop-in Support Group, 1st & 3rd Wed of month, 6:30-8 pm; for women who have had cancer, facilitated by cancer survivors. Post-Treatment Women's Support Group: Mon; for women who have gone thru the initial crisis & have already completed their prescribed treatment, call to reserve space. Family & Friends of Women with Cancer group—1st & 3rd Thurs, 7:30-9 pm; meet men & women who are providing support to women with cancer. Spouses, lovers, friends, daughters, sons, mothers, fathers, & work colleagues are welcome; please call before coming to group. Support Group for Lesbian Partners & Friends of Lesbians with Cancer—every other Mon, 7:30-9 pm; focus on issues specific to lesbian health & illness. Group for Women with Recurrent Metastatic or ongoing Cancer—Fri; share experience of living with a life-changing illness; call ctr for info. Guided Imagery for Women with Cancer—group meets Sun. Teaches relaxation techniques to reduce fear, create healing visualization, access inner sources of support; call ctr for info. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: 548-WCRC, or write POB 11235, Oakl, 94611.

The Wellness Community provides free services to cancer patients & their families in SF & the East Bay. Psychological, emotional, social & educational support. Info: 933-0107 or write PO Box 4250, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic: testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun 6-8 pm. HIV Antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 & over, every Sun, 6-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).

Robert Louie Cancer Support Group of SF provides social & emotional support to children with cancer, their parents & siblings. Info: 775-5921.

Berkeley Free Clinic offers free gen'l health, dental, counseling & information services, plus referrals. Also has women's health clinic by & for women. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 548-2570 (non-voice TDD 548-8238).

Planetree Health Resource Ctr: nonprofit ctr provides a place to go when you need more info about health or medical concerns. Get up-to-date medical info to assist you in making informed choices about your health. Ctr maintains extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail, and more. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.

► HOBBIES

GMUG the Gay Macintosh Users Group, meets on 3rd Wed of each month, 7:30 pm. For info/location: 552-GMUG. Lesbian & gay Macintosh users are welcome to attend. GMUG also offers a computer skills bank to nonprofit groups working in the AIDS/ARC field.

PC Exchange: computer networking for buyers & sellers of clones. Info: 221-9779.

Women's Reading Group: small, informal group of women who meet bimonthly to discuss books by women authors. Info: Jill 221-8518, Dano 641-5751.

Women's Reading Group: Discover the joy of discussing books by and about women. Monthly mtgs. For info/location call Ilene 221-2361 or Barbara 362-9651.

Women's Reading Group: not limited to "women's lit." Everything from Chaucer to modern, classics to schlock—the upbeat, downbeat, offbeat, onbeat. Info: Loie 552-4579.

Heliotrope, Sonoma County Gay/Lesbian Book Club meets to discuss novels. For info/location: Michael (707) 577-0551.

Discussion Group: variety of topics. Meets Sun at 7 pm. Info/location: 626-1468.

What Is Community? Wkly group meets to read & discuss theories of community. Info: June & Donna 834-1044. Eastbay location.

Hortiphiles: a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call Michael (415) 826-2515 or Henrietta (408) 246-1117.

Gay Ham Group: Lambda Radio Amateur Club, Bay Area chapter, meets 8 pm, 2nd Thurs of each month. Hams & those interested in learning about the hobby & group call Bill 821-2666.

Phoebe Snow Society: int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay people interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: 352-0301.

Gay Group Massage: small, informal gathering for giving & receiving massage in a safe, warm, fun setting. All levels welcome. For gay men under 50 years old. Send SASE with name & phone number to George, PO Box 590790, SF 94159.

Genealogy Discussion Group meets monthly. Info/location: Larry 647-0637.

Lesbian Figure Drawing/Painting Group meets every other Thursday, 7:30-10 pm. Info/location: 532-2803.

Lesbian Cartoonists welcome female fellow twisted souls for support. Meets 1st & 3rd Sun of each month at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. 6 pm. Info: JD 835-8388, or Roxxie 733-2149.

Russian Group: serious Ruscophiles with a sense of humor & a sincere desire to speak Russian. Novice to native speakers welcome. 3rd Sun of each month, call 647-3325 for time & location.

► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

SF Sex Information Switchboard: Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & lifestyles. 621-7300.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

Gay Domestic Violence: info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.

Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project provides direct services for male victims of domestic violence. 24-hr report hotline. Spons by CUAV. Call 864-7233 for help.

Gay Area Youth Switchboard: Info, referral, peer counseling. Info: 386-GAYS or POB 846, SF 94101.

The Lesbian/Gay Switchboard trained volunteers at Pacfic Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Call 841-6224.

AIDS & ARC Switchboard: Mon-Fri 9 am-6 pm, Sat 11 am-5 pm; 861-7309.

SF AIDS Foundation Hotline: (Spanish/English) info & referral to SF & No Calif (800) FOR-AIDS, TDD 864-6606. Tagalog AIDS Hotline: 1-(800) FIL-AIDS (voice/TDD). Hrs: 9 am-9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.

Marin AIDS Services Network (MASN) 24-hour info line: 457-AIDS.

CareGivers Call-In: free telephone consultation on personal issues related to taking care of people with AIDS. For health professionals & volunteers. Call 882-2411 Mon-Fri 7-10 pm. Spons by The CareGivers Project.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.

Poison Control Central: 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.

SF Drug Line: support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.

Discriminated Against because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: Larry Brinkin 558-4901.

Gay Legal Referral Services for all legal problems. ½ hour consultation, $20. Some low-fee & no-fee referrals available. Info: 621-3900.

Southbay Gay Hotline: info, referrals, peer counseling. (408)293-4525, (408) 293-AGAY

Emergency Food Box Program provides 3-day supply of nutritionally balanced food to those in emergency situations. Info: 621-7575.

Berkeley Free Clinic offers medical, dental, counseling & housing support services. For info call switchboard 548-2570.

Renters: Learn Your Rights! Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers special clinics: gen'l rights counseling Mon 6:30-8:30 pm in the Haight, 1833 Page, SF. Downtown (660 California St) clinic specializes in evictions, Rent Board procedures & leases; Thurs 5:30-8:30 pm. Info/appt: 398-0724.

SF Tenants Union: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members, walk-in only counseling for non-members. Call 282-6622 for info. 558 Capp St, SF.

Sentinel Fair Housing: nonprofit agency investigates complaints of housing discrimination & provides comprehensive housing counseling to residents of Northern Alameda County (also referrals for out-of-area persons). If you think you have been discriminated against, call 836-2687 for help/info/referral.

Options Homeshare: lonely? rent too high, or needs services in exchange for housing? Options Homeshare counselors fulfill housing needs by matching seniors with seniors or younger persons with seniors. Women & men welcome. Spons by Options for Women Over 40. Info: 552-4549.

Senior Information Line: events & services available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Dept. of Public Health. Hotline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.

Neighbors Driving You Crazy? Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.

Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau: addresses all topics related to bisexuals. Speakers available for events, conferences, wkshops, etc. Info: 564-2226.

SF Women Against Rape provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors. SFWAR also does advocacy & educational work & holds house meetings where groups of women discuss concerns & fears, & ways to prevent rape. For info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.

California Runaway Hotline provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.

Spanish/English Employment Services for midlife & older women. Spons by Options for Women Over 40, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: 431-6405.

Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit offers legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.

Gay/Lesbian Speakers Bureau spons by GAYLESTA (Gay/Lesbian Mental Health Therapists of the Bay Area). Offers educational speakers & videotapes. Info: Judy Schavrien 648-1318.

Computer Bulletin Board spons by Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) Ministry. Gay/lesbian, church, AIDS & community issues. Forums, news, views, confidential mail. "Breaking Walls, Building Bridges", 827-0804, 3/12/2400, 24 hrs.

► INCEST AND BATTERY

Incest Survivor Groups: both mixed women's groups & those for lesbians in recovery from drugs or alcohol. Phase 1 & 2 groups. Iris Project, 264 Valencia, SF. Info: 864-2364.

Incest Survivors Anonymous: We are no longer alone, we have each other. Incest Survivors Anonymous is a 12-step program that enables incest survivors to break out of the victim role & the nightmare of terror, guilt & confusion. Closed mtg for survivors & pro-survivors. Original perpetrators of incest or rape or victims who later became initiators do not attend ISA mtgs. Initiation is determined by intent. Mtgs for women & men: Sun 7-8:30 pm; Mon, Tues & Thurs 7:30-9 pm. For women: Wed 7:30 pm, Sat at 11 am. For locations & other info call 359-2070 anytime.

Lesbian Incest Survivors in recovery from drug addiction. Group offered by Haight Ashbury Free Clinic Drug Detox Project. Call Holly Gold, MSW or Pam Kirby 565-1908. Free.

Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter: Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: 12-step fellowship for batters, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Thurs 6:30-7:45 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.

Counseling for Battered Gay Men: Is the hand that holds you in public the hand that strikes you in private? CUAV (Community United Against Violence) offers free individual counseling & support groups for you. Call 864-3112, or 864-7233 (24-hr hotline). Call us, we can help.

Support Group for Men who have been physically and/or emotionally abused in relationships. Led by licensed clinical psychologist, spons by Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project. For info/reg: CUAV 864-3112. Confidentiality guaranteed.

Support Group for Lesbians who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.

Battered Lesbian Drop-In Group: spons by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.

Battered Lesbians Services offered by Marin Abused Women's Services. Call 924-6616 ask for Holly or Odilia.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

La Casa de las Madres provides shelter for battered women & their children. Info: 777-1808.

Rosalie House's offers Women's Jobs Program offers vocational services to battered women & formerly battered women. Counseling, referrals, resume writing & job placement. Free. Call Alma 863-2160 for info.

For more listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under **"Incest/Battery Therapy/Support Groups".**

► PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

Gay Fathers/SF Bay Area a support group for gay men of all ages dealing with issues of parenting. Monthly supper mtgs with discussion, plus social events & outings with kids. Info: 821-9241. Newcomers welcome!

A Different Breed: social group for families with dual, single or multiple parents who identify outside the mainstream (biseuxal, lesbian, gay, transsexual, etc) meets monthly. Info: Susan 524-0574.

Expanded Family Network supports committed, loving, multi-partner relationships, with possibilities for shared child-rearing & combined economic support. Resource center, discussion, support & networking in a safe, friendly environment for women & men of all sexual preferences. Montly potlucks, weekly social events. NOT a swinger's organization, therapy group or dating club. Info: 995-2607.

Single Lesbians Parenting Group: a social group for single lesbians who are considering, planning or actively parenting. Info: write 2370 Market ST#119, SF 94114 or call 641-5324, 3-10 pm, M-F, 10 am-10 pm Sat & Sun.

Gay/Lesbian Parenting Group, a support group for lesbians and gay men who have children, or who wish to become parents. Newsletter, potluck socials, outings, discussion groups. Info: Malke 893-1953, or write LGPG, PO Box 410221, SF CA 94141

Lesbian Mothers of Teenage & Adult Children group: call 626-7109 for info.

Lesbian Moms of Young Children/Babies: Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.

Parents Park Hop & Doo Wop: social group for mid-Peninsula-SF gay & lesbian parents of the 2 & under crowd. Monthly outings, babysitting exchange, musical adventures, treasure hunts, etc. Info: 598-9265.

Lesbian Parent Group meets Mon eves at 7 pm. All types of lesbian parents are welcome to join this small, informal group. For location & other info: 861-0545.

Lesbian Parent Group for lesbians whose children are of speaking/school age. Socialize, get support; exchange childcare, parenting ideas. Info: 861-9822.

Lesbian Non-custodial Mothers Group, write Cricket, PO Box 191294, SF CA 94119 for info.

Ever Given Up A Child for Adoption? Ongoing support group for birthmothers: offers support for healing our losses, help in searching for our children. Info: 626-8124.

Adoption Support Groups for adult adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research 935-6622.

Chain of Life: feminist adoption reform newsletter, supports open records & search & reunification of adoptees & birth families; critiques traditional adoption practices. Edited by adoptee. For backlist/info send SASE to J Baer, Chain of Life, PO Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707.

NOCIRC (Nat'l Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Ctrs) offers education, information & support about circumcision. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Info: 488-9883 or 827-4077.

Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program offered by Lyon Martin Clinic. Offers ongoing seminars, wkshops, small groups & forums for lesbians & gays thinking about parenting, and for lesbian & gay families; including 8-wk "Lesbians Considering Parenthood," & "Gay Men Considering Parenthood," groups. Call Lyon-Martin 641-0220 for info.

East Bay Lesbian Parents support/social group. Call Toni 652-8183 for info.

Childbirth Education for lesbian families. Small group or individual classes available. Info: Suellen Sleamater, RN, MHS, Lyon-Martin Parenting Project childbirth educator. Info: 826-4489.

Parent Counseling: Free. Informal. Both large & small questions welcome. Instructor/counselor with 20 years experience in parent education & child development. Wed 7:30-9 pm. Castro Valencia Ctr. Info/appt: Jan Baer 239-3660 (days).

Perinatal Project for drug abusing pregnant women & mothers. Get help with crack & cocaine addiction. Women helping women stay sober; spons by the Women's Institute for Mental Health. For info call 864-2364 or drop in at orientation, Mon-Thurs at 3 pm. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.

The AIDS Family Project offers ongoing group for teenagers (14-19) who have HIV-infected family members. Info: Stacey Shuster, PhD at Operation Concern 626-7000.

Be sure to check the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under "Parenting" for other parenting services/info.

► PEOPLE OF COLOR

Black & White Men Together gathering every Sat, 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 931-BWMT.

Men of All Colors Together, Greater Bay Area: gay interracial organization that supports all relationships & cultural uniqueness. Social, political & cultural awareness programs & events. Info: Lee 261-7922

Bisexual of Color Caucus: resource, support, political action, social group. Info: Lani 821-3534.

Interracial Relationship Social MixersWkshops: hosted by BWMT/Bay Area. Monthly. 7-10 pm. $5 donation. Facilitated small group discussions, followed by social period. Anyone interested in exploring an interracial relationship is welcome. Info: 641-5706.

Lesbians of Color/Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber; 548-8283.

Black Lesbian Support Group for Black lesbians in multicultural relationships. Meets 1st Sun of each month. Oakland location/accessible. Info: 839-3302 or 653-5732.

Multicultural Lesbian Writers Group: call 995-2730 for details.
Gay & South Asian? You're not alone! Indian, Pakistani, Bangla Deshi, Sri Lankan, Nepali, Bhutani, Tibetan—men & women—this is our chance to find each other! Trikone, a support group for gay men & lesbians from the Indian subcontinent. Info: PO Box 21354, San Jose, CA 95151. (408) 270-8776.
Third World People with AIDS/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.
Asian/Pacific HIV-Positive Gay Men's support group offered by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), see AIDS Resources.
Gay Asian Rap Group in SF, spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Meets every other Wed, 7-9 pm. Info: 282-GAPA.
Japanese Lesbian Group: Nihongo o Bokokugo to suru Lesbian no Group. Maitsuki Daini Nichiyobi Meeting Ari. Denwa (Yoru) 563-8253.
Chinese Lesbian Group meets for social outings, potlucks & more. Info: 285-5255 or write 370 Turk St #36, SF 94102.
Gay Feminist Women of Color Group meets at Billy DeFrank Community Ctr, 1040 Park Ave, San Jose. Social & community activities, cultural exchange. Meet new friends. Info: Rose (408) 298-5742.
Latin American Lesbian Social Group: Eastbay. Monthly (Sat) social gathering. Non-latins welcome. Info: 530-3473.
CASA: Community Alternative Social Assoc. A social & community service organization for gay Latinos & friends. Info: 695-0644 or write PO Box 590276, SF 94159-0276.
Mujero, Bay Area Latina Lesbian Organization, holds gen'l mtgs the 3rd Sun of each month. All Latina lesbians are welcome. Info/location: 648-1291.
Vietnamese Lesbian & Gay Support Group: safe, supportive environment for lesbian & gay men to talk & share experiences in Vietnamese. Discussion topics include: coming out to Vietnamese family & friends, relationships, health & safe sex practices; racial, gender & sexual stereotypes. Addt'l topics chosen at mtgs. Confidentiality respected. Group meets every 3rd Sun in SF, 3-5 pm, every first Sun in San Jose, 3-5 pm. Info: Dung Nguyen (women) or Tony Nguyen (men) at 771-7256, 7-9 pm Mon-Fri or write: Vietnamese L/G Support Group, c/o Asian Pacific Alliance, PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884.
Lesbian, Gay, or Bisexual & Korean? Monthly mtgs, discussions, potlucks & special activities offered. Mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm, in SF. Info: Lori 563-8689. Mtgs conducted in English, with some bilingual participants.
Asian & Pacific Islander Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr. Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Info/res: 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.
Black Men's Support Group open to Black men of all ages. Drop-in, at Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.
Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA): group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: Donald Masuda 387-0466.
Asian Pacific Sisters: an organization of Asian Pacific lesbians & bisexual women; APS provides its members with an atmosphere where they can openly share their experience. APS includes women of various Asian heritage, including Japanese, Filipino, Chinese, Vietnamese & others; and sponsors picnics, potluck dinners, softball games & other events. For upcoming business/social events call Lori 750-3385. All Asian/Pacific lesbian & bisexual women are welcome!
Lesbian, Gay or Bisexual & Korean? Come to monthly, informal get-togethers. Conducted primarily in English, with some bilingual participants. Info: Lori 563-8689.
African-American Men dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.
Lesbian/Gay People of Color AA/ACA mtgs in the EB & SF—see Addiction Recovery.
Black Gays & Lesbians ACA Group: see Addiction Recovery.
Children of Alcoholics/Addicts Group for children of color, see Addiction Recovery.
Lesbians of Color sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.
Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. Info: 1724 Sacramento St, #6, SF 94109.
ALBWN & ALGBN: Arab Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Network and Arab Lesbian & Bisexual Women's Network. Offers support for women & men of Arab descent and Middle Eastern ancestry. Activities include monthly potluck dinners, discussion of topics of relevance to the lesbian, gay & bisexual Arab community. Three separate mtgs: a women's mtg (Arab Lesbian & Bisexual Women's Network), a men's mtg, and a mixed mtg where both men & women gather. For information write ALGBN or ALBWN, PO Box 460526, SF 94114.

► PERFORMANCE ARTS

Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience not necessary. Info: 848-5966.
Wry Crips/Disabled Women's Theater Arts. Created & managed by women who have physical, emotional, developmental; multiple & hidden disabilities/chronic illness. Submission of poetry, prose & stories about women living with disability/chronic illness, and those who love them, is accepted on an onging basis. Women of color of all ages are especially welcome. Performers, production people & care assistants or board members are welcome. Info/details: 601-5819, or write PO Box 21474, Oakl 94620.
Community Spirit Art Program (CSAP) offers art events & activities to boost positive morale during the epidemic. Also sponsors monthly art hikes to galleries, museums & artists' studios. Group is sponsoring upcoming 'Art & Self-Healing: Living Well with the Epidemic—an AIDS/ARC/HIV Art Show", call Brian Schaerer 661-8119 for exhibition schedule. Art Hikes schedule: Phil Valdez 753-2331.
Community Women's Orchestra: amateur orchestra for women, spons by the Bay Area Women's Philharmonic. Wkly Tues night rehearsals. Orchestra gives 3 concerts each season in Dec, March & May. No audition required, but all musicians must have prior experience playing in an orchestra or other ensemble. String players are always welcome, wind players may join if there's an opening in their section. Conducted by Nan Washburn, artistic director & associate conductor of BAWP. Info: 543-2297.
Bay Area Gay & Lesbian Band: performs music from classical to swing, marching to showtunes, full band to duets; at various community events, private parties, etc. Info: 558-9693 or write: BAGAL Band, PO Box 280571, SF 94128-0571.
SF Band Foundation spons City Swing, Vocal Minority, SF Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band, Flag Corps, Twirling Corps, SF Tap Troupe & Outlook Video. Most groups meet at Jon Sims Ctr for the Performing Arts, 1519 Mission St, SF. New members are always welcome. Call 621-5619 for mtg times & other info.
VOICES: Bay Area lesbian choral ensemble rehearses Tues 7:30-10 pm, in SF. Women who read music, especially women of color, are encouraged to audition. For info call 773-9181. Group is available for performances.
Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF invites you to join in making music & having fun. Ability to read music a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsals: Thurs 7:30-10 pm nr Church/Market in SF. For details call Pat Parr 621-3088.
Artists Access to Activism: perform with the homeless at Civic Ctr (Tenement Square) in front of City Hall. Spons by Food Not Bombs. Tuesdays, noon-4 pm. Info: Tom 641-7378.
STBS, a nonprofit tix agency operated by Performing Arts Services, sells full-price tix in adv & half-price tix day of show. Proceeds benefit Bay Area performing arts. Booth at Union Square, 251 Stockton (btwn Post & Geary) and at One Embarcadero Ctr (street level), SF. Info: 433-STBS.
GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Join rock musicians, singers, writers, cartoonists, comedians & others for eclectic, upbeat, fun socializing. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424 or write 901 Stanyan St #14, SF 94117.
Fat Lip Readers Theatre: political theatre collective of fat, fiesty & diverse women who strut their stuff on stage & video, and in wkshops. Submissions of poetry, prose, stories & analysis with a fat liberation perspective are welcome & respected. Info: PO Box 29963, Oakl 94604; 655-7404.
Ragtime Music Society: club dedicated to promoting ragtime music & friendship among those who appreciate it. Info: Bill Pike 552-4270.
Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit providing legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.

► POLITICAL

Bay Area Coalition Against Operation Rescue (BACAOR), a coalition of groups & individuals committed to defending women's reproductive rights & access to abortion services during "Operaton Rescue" blockades by providing clinic defense & escorts when needed. Info: 626-5510.
Alliance to Stop Abusive Police (ASAP): coalition of political, legal, & community groups & individuals seeking to stop unchecked police abuse. Meets every other Mon at 7 pm at 1663 Mission St, SF. Room 460. Info: write Box 79, 2370 Market St, SF 94114 or call 267-3035.
Feminists for Animal Rights welcomes women in working to end all forms of exploitation against animals. For info re newsletter, meetings, events, t-shirt, etc, call 647-7019.
Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians & gay men, fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call 861-4588 or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 2370 Market St, Box 38, SF 94114. Gen'l membership mtgs are usually held the 3rd Sun of each month, 7 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. 2nd floor.
Lesbians & Gays Against Intervention (LAGAI), an activist & educational group fighting for lesbian & gay liberation. Primary area of work is against US involvement in El Salvador, Nicarauga & Central America, as well as solidarity work with lesbian & gay liberation groups in Latin America. For more info/mtg schedule call 821-9087 or 346-0647.
ACT UP/SF meets every Thurs, 7:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 563-0724 for upcoming demos & other info.
BiPol: bisexual, lesbian & gay political action group of the SF Bay Area. Info: write BiPol, 584 Castro St #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.
Radical Multicultural Feminist Bisexual Network: political action/discussion group, WA, SIGN available. Info: Pata 567-6883.
Bisexual Feminist Men's Group: Bi men addressing feminism in their lives thru political action/discussion/theater. Paul 731-7648.
Lesbian Agenda for Action: (LAFA) political & social action nonprofit membership organization committed to promoting lesbian visibility. Info: 552-5677.
Lesbian Uprising! A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; who recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, and seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or Ann 665-6746 for info/location.
War Tax Resistors Support Gathering: 2nd Sun of each month. Keep your money from funding oppression & destruction. Call 843-9877 for info. Eastbay & SF locations.
Alice B Toklas Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club meets every 2nd Mon of the month, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: 621-3296.
Lesbian Separatist Discussion Group: tired of felling like you're the only lesbian separatist in town? This group's for you! Group meets every 3 wks, lesbian seps only. For info/location: 824-0456.
Sonia Johnson Discussion Group: women exploring—through discussion & otherwise—a new world. SF, Marin, & Eastbay mtgs. Info: Chris 261-9053, Marjorie 652-0185.
Berkeley Women in Black: We mourn Middle East violence & the Israeli occupation. We want negotiations now for a just & lasting peace. Join us: Vigil every Fri, noon-1 pm, at Telegraph & Haste, in front of Cody's Books. Info: Ruth 644-0480. All women welcome.
Weekly Vigil to protest the ever-present violence towards women. Every Tues, noon-1 pm. Gather SE corner of Stockton & Geary, SF. Wear black and purple. Info: Laura 626-7821 (SF), Ruth 644-0480 (EB), or just show up.

► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Bay Area Career Women (BACW): a professional organization for lesbians. Provides networking opportunities, social support & education thru newsletter, forums, seminars, informal gatherings & social events. Info: 495-5393.
BACW Marin, Local Area Network of BACW, offers various groups & activities: Walking & Dining Group—meets monthly for an evening walk, followed by potluck dinner, call Lin 383-5345 for info; Theater Going Group—goes to the Marin Theater Co Thurs night previews in Mill Valley, call Elizabeth 338-4784 for details; Planning Mtgs—help plan BACW Marin County events, call Julie 924-2529.

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BANGLE (Bay Area Network of Gay & Lesbian Educators) meets 3rd Thurs of each month, 7:30 pm, 655 14th St, SF. To confirm location & for other call Barbara 285-5078.

Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA): comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.

Peninsula Business & Professional Association: gay/lesbian group meets 4th Tues of the month at Mercury Savings & Loan Community Room, 99 El Camino Real, Menlo Park (across from Stanford Park Hotel, north of Stanford Shopping Ctr). 7-8 pm get acquainted hour, 8-9 pm program, 9-10 pm social.

Southbay BANGLE meets every 2nd Wed, of month, 7-9 pm at De Frank Community Ctr in San Jose. Info: (408) 293-2429.

Brava! For Women in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 641-7657.

GAYLESTA, organization of gay & lesbian psychotherapists. Networking, ongoing educational & professional functions. Info: Jan 474-9985, Bud 255-7346.

Federal Lesbians & Gays (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm. SF location. Info: 695-9174.

Differently-Employed Women: network for women dedicated to creating sane, joyful & abundant livelihood. For newsletter, mtg schedule or other info call Tori Bogart 750-0946 or Susan Summerfield 648-2908.

► SENIORS

Tea Dance & Social for older lesbians (60 & over) and friends. Enjoy refreshments in a beautiful garden. Last Sun of each month., call GLOE for exact time. Francis of Assissi, 145 Guerrero St nr Market, SF. Bring refreshments to share, donations appreciated. Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay and Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Info: 626-7000.

Men's Brunch for older gay men (60+) & friends. Noon-3 pm, 2nd Sun of each month. St Francis of Assisi Community Ctr, 145 Guerrero St, SF. Spons by GLOE. Info: 626-7000.

"Discovery" Group for Men (60+). Led by George Birmisa, spons by Operation Concern's GLOE. Call 626-7000 for info.

Writers Workshop for Lesbians & Gay Men (50+) spons by GLOE. Every Wed, 6-8 pm, at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info 626-7000.

Senior Information Line:—see Hotlines & Referrals.

Options Homeshare: lonely? rent too high, or need services in exchange for housing? See hotlines & referrals.

Women Over 50 Support Group: see Support Groups.

Older Women's Rap Group (50+), Peninsula Chapter, meets 2nd Sat of each month at 4 pm, Veteran's Memorial Bldg, 711 Nevada St, Redwood City. Info: Mary K 364-6970.

Older Lesbians of the South Bay (50+) meet every 3rd Sun at 3 pm at Los Gatos Neighborhood Ctr, room 214, Main St, Los Gatos. Casual atmosphere, singles or couples welcome. Info: Two Sisters Bookshop 323-4778.

► SOCIAL GROUPS

Girth & Mirth Club of SF meets Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: PO Box 528, SF 94101 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.

The Golden Gate Connection: a social club for chubbies & chasers. Ongoing activities, monthly parties, newsletter & more. Info 334-5971 or write GGC, PO Box 2328, Daly City, 94017.

Feminist Lesbian Social Group (FLSG) meets once monthly in the S. Bay for a potluck. Open to all women who want to make new contacts & renew old ones. Info: FLSG, POB 70933, Sunnyvale 94086.

Grupo Sociocultural Hispano, gay & lesbian Spanish social club, meets 2nd Fri or Sat each month. Bring snack or beverage to share. Everyone expected to speak in Spanish. Native speakers & beginners welcome. Info: Patricia 673-4684, Phil 285-0719.

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An bhfuil a fhios agat? Ireland/Scotland/Brittany, etc. Gay & Lesbian Celtic Cultural/Social Group. Info: PO Box 421557, SF 94142.

UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who is a friend of the University. Annual membership: $15. For info & to get on mailing list (confidentiality assured), call 267-3150. Monthly social & cultural events.

Stanford Lesbian & Gay Alumni: group for Bay Area Stanford alumni. Theater, outings, parties & other activities. Come join us! For info write SLAG, PO Box 460632, SF 94146-0632 call Dick 648-5836.

Cal Poly GALA (Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites; and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assurred. Info: (408) 245-7179.

BFSF (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Tues at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For other activities/calendar: 753-0687.

BiFriendly East Bay (BFEB): bisexual men's & women's social group meets every other Tues for dinner & conversation at La Pena Cultural Ctr in Berkeley. Info: Susan 524-0574.

BiFriendly South Bay (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets Mon 7:30 pm. Info/location: Steve (415) 968-5902, Liz 857-1044.

BiFriendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Lavendar Hill Mob: a social club for married men, bisexuals & masculine gay guys. Info: 369-1610 or write David, PO Box 610055, Redwood City, CA 94061.

Men's Associated Exchange (MAX): an organization for gay men, offering social, athletic, philantrophic, cultural & travel activities. Info: Tim Bause, MAX, 564 Mission St, SF, Ste 127, 94105.

Napa Valley Women's Network meets 1st Fri eve of every month in Yountville. Come socialize, meet new friends, network, check bulletin board. Info: Cassandra (707) 944-8081.

Lesbian Social/Movie Get-Together: monthly event. Casual social & movie-watching. Single, monogamous, coupled, confused, unidentified or whatever—if you're a lesbian 30 or over, you're welcome! Bring goodies to share. For info/location: 531-3943.

Berkeley Flats Lesbians: come to potluck brunch, meet your neighbors! South Berkeley location. Info: Leslie 420-0525.

North Oakland Lesbians: potlucks, networking, etc. Info: 655-1408, 655-2837.

Alameda Neighborhood Lesbians Group: meet other women who live in Alameda, for movies, biking, walks, get-togethers, etc. Come find out who your neighbors are! Info: 865-7811.

Lake Merritt Neighborhood Potluck for lesbians & gays living in the Lake Merritt, Oakland area. Monthly get-togethers, come meet your neighbors! Info: 832-5609.

Latin American Lesbian Social Group meets monthly in Eastbay, see People of Color.

CASA (Commujnity Alternative Social Assoc) for gay Latinos & friends, see People of Color.

Chinese lesbian group meets for outing, potlucks, etc, see People of Color.

Left Brain Lesbians: a social club for the shamelessly inquisitive. Contact Susan 334-1828 for info.

Brainy-Artsy Gals: for relationship-oriented single women in the arts or interested in the arts, and looking for like-minded friends. Parties/events. Call 824-4401.

Momcats Social Group for folks who are the parents of one or more furry felines. Share the joys & concerns unique to having an intimate relationship with a cat. Info: 992-3383.

Dog Lovers Group for folks interested in walking our dogs together, pooch picnics, dog play sessions, or other fun activities with our pets. Eastbay location. Small dogs welcome. Info: 486-0615.

Theatre Women: group goes on monthly theatre trip. Performance decided upon by group. Women interested in the theater are welcome. Info: Shannon 588-1850.

SF Social Group for Women interested in meeting other lesbians with various interests. Group meets for socials, potlucks, movies, weekend outings, etc. Singles & couples welcome. Info: Alicia 681-5815.

Lesbians Welcoming Women to SF: join group for food & fun on the 3rd Thurs of each month at Artemis Cafe, 23rd & Valencia, SF, at 7:30 pm.

Jewish Lesbian Social/Cultural Group meets in SF, call Laura 864-1635 for info.

Peninsula Gay & Lesbian Jews Group: call Laurie 365-6039 for details.

► SPIRITUALITY

Shabbat Services with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & last Saturday of each month, 10:30 am. 220 Danvers (upper Market). SF. 861-6932.

Beit Shekhinah Congregation: inspired by the feminine principle & Jewish sacred art. Creative, egalitarian Judaism. Meets in the Eastbay at Hillside Church, El Cerrito. For info: Rabbi Leah Novick 451-6437.

Jewish Lesbians & friends meet to celebrate Shabbat, 1st Fri of each month. EB location. Join us for song, food & Jewish culture—no experience necessary! Jewish women of color and Sephardic women especially welcome. Info: 653-8745, 531-5465.

Women's Circle meets in SF monthly at the full & new moon to explore the many facets of the Goddess. Info: Lupa 751-8918.

Sunday's Women gather to explore the Goddess Movement, network with other spiritual women. Guest speakers. 3rd Sun of each month. Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakl. $7-10 donation. Spons by Women's Spirituality Forum. Call the Goddess Hotline, 420-1454, for info on current & upcoming events.

St Marks Lutheran Church Communion: Sun, 8:30 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.

St Paul's Lutheran Church: worship & Eucharist, Sun, 10 am. 1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakl (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.

Acceptance: Baptist Bible Study & support group meets Wednes-days, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.

American Baptists Concerned: group provides a supportive community for gay/lesbian Baptists & friends. Meets third Sun of each month. Also publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle*. To join confidential mailing list send $10 to ABC, 872 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For mtg & group info: 465-8652.

Dolores Street Baptist Church (Southern Baptist) worship service at 11 am. Everyone welcome to a congregation where gay/lesbian and non-gay people worship openly together. Acceptance gay support group meets Tues, every two weeks. 208 Dolores St at 15th, SF. Info: 861-1434.

Dignity/SF: Gay & Lesbian Catholics, friends & families celebrate the Eucharist. Dignity's here for good! Dolores St Baptist Church, 15th & Dolores, SF. Sun 5:30 pm. Info: 255-9244.

Dignity/East Bay: a faith community of lesbian & gay Catholics, our families & friends. For times & locations call 995-2535. Also raps, social events.

Presbyterians for Lesbian/Gay Concerns-SF: a supportive community of gay & non-gay Presbyterians who worship together: 5 pm 2nd Sun of month at (starting Jan) Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St nr 24th, SF. Also "Claiming Our Bible" study group, every 3rd Mon in Oakl; plus social activities & retreats. PL/GC works to educate & transform the church into a more loving & inclusive place. Info: Dick 338-7396, 268-9534 or Susan 282-3842.

Lutherans Concerned/SF: for lesbian & gay Lutherans, their friends & families. Meets 1st Sun of each month, St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St nr Market, SF. 5:30 pm. All welcome. Info: 956-2069.

Christian Women's Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.

Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF: Sun worship services: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. AIDS ministry (see AIDS Resources), women's & men's groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev Jim Mitulski, pastor. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Golden Gate MCC Sun worship services: 12:30 & 7 pm. 48 Belcher St, SF. Info: 626-6300.

New Life MCC Sun worship service, 1823 9th St at Hearst, Berkeley. 12:30 pm. SIGN. WA. Info: 843-9355.

Diablo Valley MCC Sun worship service, 10 am. 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: 827-2960.

MCC of the Redwoods in Marin. 6 pm Sun worship service. Rev Coni Staff, pastor. 110 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur, CA 94939. Info: 927-2018.

MCC Santa Rosa meets 11 am at 3632 Airway Dr, Santa Rosa. All lifestyles welcome! Pastor Jl Torres. Info: 526-HOPE.

Russian River MCC Sun worship service: Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Linda Laster (707) 869-0552.

Charismatic Fellowship: support group for gay/lesbian charismatics/pentecostals in SF. Bible Study Fri 7:30 pm. For those tired of "straight" churches that reject because of sexual orientation & "gay" churches that deny the power & gifts of the Holy Spirit. Info: Rev Michael Arbuckle 921-3207.

Hosanna Church of Praise, a Christian church w/a special ministry to the gay & lesbian community. Emphasis on healing ministry, gifts of the Holy Spirit. Support of gay/lesbian causes. 10 am. First United Methodist Church Chapel, 24 N 5th St, downtown San Jose. Info: Rev. F. Randall Hill, (408)293-2437.

Prince of Peace Community Church of San Carlos meets 5 pm at Community United Church of Christ, 1336 Arroyo St, San Carlos. Emphasis on love, caring & concern for gay/lesbians & non-gay people. Rev Bob Wheatley, pastor; Rev Barbara Martzall, assistant pastor. Info: (408) 298-3548.

Hartford Street Zen Ctr, Zen Buddhist Meditation group in the Castro. Zazen daily, 6 am & 6 pm, Mon-Fri. Lecture 10 am Sundays. 57 Hartford St. Info: 863-2507.

Trinity Episcopal Church: traditional liturgy with liberal theology. Inclusive urban parish. Sunday Choral Eucharist, 11 am. 1668 Bush St nr Gough, SF. Rev Robert Cromey, rector. Info: 775-1117.

Integrity SBA: Gay & lesbian Episcopalians & friends celebrate & join in wkly fellowship, 5:30 pm Sun at St John's Church, 1661 15th St, SF. Integrity is an inclusive community involved with & in the Episcopal Church, with an outreach to the community thru an active AIDS ministry & special programs oriented toward the spiritual growth of gay/lesbian Christians. Info: 553-5270.

Women-in-Integrity: Women's focus Eucharist with potluck supper & socializing following service. Join us for fellowship, singing & a meal. Third Sun of each month at 5:30 pm, St John's Church, 1661 15th St, SF. Integrity is a lesbian & gay affirming community of Episcopalians & friends. Info: 553-5270.

The Parsonage: ministry of the Episcopal Church in the lesbian & gay community. Programs include: prison ministry, parish outreach, newsletter ($10 per year), personal growth training classe, bible study & more. Info: 552-2909.

Religous Society of Friends (Quakers) Mtg for Worship: Sun, 11 am at 2160 Lake St at 23rd, SF. Friends for Lesbian & Gay Concerns holds monthly potluck, discussion & worship on the 4th Sun of every month, all are welcome. Info: Mary McCurry 738-2571.

Affirmation: Gay & lesbian Mormons Social/support group for Latter-Day Saints, their families & friends. Wkly mtgs. Sun at 7 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 641-4554.

Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns of the First Unitarian Church of SF (UULGC/SF) meets 2nd Sun of every month at 12:15 pm. First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St, SF. Spons variety of events & social functions for lesbians, gay men, bisexuals & friends. The Unitarian Universalist Church provides union services for lesbian & gay partners, has a significant number of openly gay clergy & a long history of support for lesbian/gay individuals & groups.

SpiritSeed: ecumenical church-community. Rooted in Christian wisdom and mystics; open to truth in all traditions. Emphasis on the Spirit in all creation, inner divinity, and path of love. Creative Eucharist celebrations, inclusive imagery, music, dance, meditation. Info: 528-7760.

Most Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church, 100 Diamond St, SF. Mass: 5 pm Sat, 7 & 10 am Sun, wkdays at 8 am. Info: 863-6259.

GALOC (Gay & Lesbian Outreach Committee) of Most Holy Redeemer Church welcomes lesbians & gay men to MHR parish. Come join us! For info: 863-6259.

Avatar Meher Baba: gay & lesbian followers present meetings, discussion groups, social events. Info: Larry 441-7008.

Eastern Orthodox Holy Ascension Mission: divine liturgy Sun 10 am; vigil Sat 6:30 pm. Counseling, sick calls, funerals available. Monthly healing service. Chapel at 1671 Golden Gate #2, SF. Info: 563-8514.

Radical Faeries: an eclectic group of gay male witches, wizards, shamans, gypsies, sissies, hippies, Deadheads, pagans, anarchists, magicians, astrologers, you name it; who all share a common love for Mother Earth & celebrate gay male mysteries. Wkly Faerie circles meet Thurs eves at 8 pm, bring instruments & energy! 24-hr info line (Tele-Faerie): SF—(415) 626-3369, Santa Cruz—(408) 427-4545.

Peace United Church of Christ: friendly, inclusive, liberal Protestant church. Creative, shared leadership. Open to all. Sun 5 pm, 777 Oakland Ave, Oakl. Info: 834-8135. Also discussion, movie & service groups.

The Church of Amron, a metaphysical ministry, holds solstice services, healing circles, classes on yoga, metaphysics, channeling, ritual, affirmations, shaman drumming, & much more. 2254 Van Ness Ave at Vallejo, SF. For info call 775-0227.

Tayu Fellowship: a Fourth Way spiritual school. Sponsors study group—1st & 3rd Wed of month, 7:30 pm, 2524 Highgate Dr, Richmond, drop-in intro class includes yoga, relational meditation, etc. Also Tayu Yoga & Meditation on Sundays in Sebastopol. For info/directions call (707) 829-9579.

Emerge!, healing journal of Emergence, Int'l, an organization of Christian Scientists supporting lesbians & gay men. For subs/info: PO Box 581, Kentfield, CA 94914 or call 485-1881.

Concord Spirituality Group: rap/social for lesbians & gays exploring issues of spirituality, relationships & sexuality. Alternate Wed mtgs, 7-8 pm. Info: Infinity Store 827-4345.

California Miracles Ctr: dedicated to the study of "A Course in Miracles." Sun morning service at 11:00 am (all welcome). Principles of Healing Study Group: Sun at 9:30 am (all welcome) 2269 Market St at 16th, SF. "A Course in Miracles" Wed eve lecture, meditation & discussion at 7:30 pm at First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin & Geary. Info: 621-2556.

Spiritual Arts Church of Religious Science: Sun, 5 pm at St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St, SF. CC available during services. Office Hrs: Tues & Thurs, 10 am-5 pm at Notre Dame Plaza, 347 Dolores St, SF. Info: 255-8460.

White Light Ministries, a metaphysical, interfaith spiritual organization, meets for Sunday celebrations the first 3 Sundays of each month at 11 am at the Oakland Jewish Community Ctr auditorium, 3245 Sheffield Ave, Oakl; in an atmosphere of love & unconditional acceptance. Barrier-free acess for the differently-abled. Info: 521-1485.

Lesbian Christian Group with female-oriented outlook. Alternative worship service in Oakland. Small, informal group meets to praise Her together. Info/location: 532-3432.

► SPORTS

SF Track & Field: Practice sessions: Tues & Thurs eves at 6 pm, Sun at 10:30 am. All ages & levels of ability welcome! Info: Rick 626-8784.

SF Water Polo practices Thurs eves, 6:30-8:30 pm & Sun mornings 9-10:30 am at Coffman Pool, corner of Vistacion & Hahn, SF. Men & women of all ability levels welcome! Info: John 621-0783.

SF Frontrunners is a running club for lesbians & gay men. All levels welcome. Free runs: every Thurs at 6:30 pm, McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, SF, followed by dinner; Sat at 9 am, Stow Lake Boathouse, Golden Gate Park, followed by brunch; & every Sun at 10 am at various locations (see Main Calendar) followed by brunch. Come join our walking division at same time & place as Runs. Business mtgs/potlucks 1st Sat of each month (after Run). Info: Rod 621-2213.

Eastbay Frontrunner's Club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Eastbay locations. Runs begin at 9:30 am, and are followed by brunch. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.

SF Hiking Club: join us for day trips, backpacking & social activities. See calendar listing for this month's schedule. For more info write: SF Hiking Club, PO Box 190973, SF 94119-0973 or call 285-1260 eves.

Wilderness Women offer monthly excursions for women. Day hikes & longer trips. Info: Wilderness Women, 5329 Manila Ave, Oakland CA 94618.

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: escape the madness of the city, explore & appreciate the beautiful outdoors. GLS presents 1-3 hikes each week; plus monthly program on 3rd Tues of each month, 7:30 pm, Nat'l Sierra Club, Polk St at Ellis, SF. For SIGN, call TDD 776-8107. For info & free sample newsletter: 653-5012 (24-hrs).

Golden Gate Wrestling Club holds Olympic Freestyle Wrestling practices twice weekly. All weights, skill levels & ages welcome. Large facility, accessible to public transit. Info: Gene 821-2991 or Gary 558-9195.

SF Wrestling Club: all forms & wrestling styles; all ages, weights & experience levels welcome. Call 538-8490 or 821-9721 for details.

Gay Tennis Federation: lesbian & gay tennis club. All levels of play welcome. Monthly mtg 7:30 pm, 3rd Mon of each month at Charpe's Grill, 131 Gough St, SF. Info: Tom Kelly 552-9595 or write: GTF, 2215-R Market St, Ste 109, SF CA 94114.

BORP (Bay Area Outreach & Recreation Program provides & promotes recreation, sports & fitness by & for physically disabled people: wilderness trips, wheelchair sports (sponsor of the local women's wheelchair basketball team—the Bay Area Meteorites), children & youth programs, older adults program. Info: 849-4663 voice/TDD.

Out of Bounds Golfing Club provides support & golf outings, encouragement & companionship to gay men & lesbians of all abilities who enjy golf. Info: 647-3687.

Gay Golfing Group: All levels of expertise welcome. Play wkdays & wkends. Info: 821-4741 days, ask for Wayne.

Bay Area Women at the Helm (BAWATH) is a lesbian boating club open to all SF Bay Area women actively engaged in boating. Sailing trips, picnics, brunches, skill-building classes & more. Info: write to BAWATH, c/o Natalie Zarchin, PO Box 3343, Oakland, CA 94609.

Different Spokes, SF: gay & lesbian weekend recreational rides & touring, for all levels. Call 282-1647 for weekly ride, bi-monthly mtg, & social events info.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. For info write: 1724 Sacramento St #6, SF 94109.

Lesbian Motorcyle Group: social riding club. Come see the sights with other lesbians, keep the wind on your face. Info: 532-8836.

Women, Motorcycles & Coffee: group for women motorcyclists & coffee lovers. Meet Sat 9 am-noon at Cafe Flore, Market/Noe, SF. Good company, food, drink. Meet new riding partners. Info: 826-6011.

Dyke Divers offers newsletter, networking for lesbian scuba divers. For info write PO Box 460096, SF 94146.

Southbay Gay & Lesbian Volleyball League. Call (408) 534-1239 for mtg times & other info.

Gay Men's Basketball: Sun at 6 pm, 100 Collingwood St, behind Cala Foods, 18th & Collingwood (in the Castro), SF. Info: Tony 621-2710.

SF Tsunami: Gay & Lesbian Masters Swim Club. Flexible swimmer program for the recreational or competitive swimmer. Program offers workouts for all skill levels with an on-deck coach 4 times per week. Info: Johnny Bonck 626-0561.

The Banshees Lesbian Soccer Team: the only all-lesbian team in the Golden Gate Women's League. Call 841-5242 for info.

Bay Area She-Hawks Women's Rugby Club invites interested women of all skill levels to join a fun, competetive team. Info: (415) 386-1049 or (408) 736-2894.

SF Women's Flag Football League: meets Sun at 11 am & 1 pm (excluding major holiays), at either Louis Sutter Field or the Polo Field in Golden Gate Park, SF. For location & other info: Michelle Brodie 563-4722.

► SUPPORT GROUPS

Loss, Grief & Recovery support group for individuals grieving a death. Learn about normal grief, coping with feelings, caring for yourself, giving & receiving support, rearranging your life, exploring future options. Spons by Hospice by the Bay. Free. 1550 Sutter St (nr Octavia), SF. Info: 673-2020.

Losing A Best Friend: free pet loss support group spons by the SF SPCA for people who have lost an animal companion. Led by Dr Betty Carmack, the group helps pet owners work thru feelings of loss, anger & depression. 7:30-9 pm, 1st Mon of each month at the SF SPCA, 2500 16th St, SF. Info/res: 554-3000.

Rap Group for Gay/Bisexual Men at Pacific Ctr, Mon 7:45pm & Tues 8pm. Followed by coffee & social hour for Gay/Bi men. Men welcome to attend either/both activities. 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Bisexual Women's Rap: you don't need to be bisexual but you MUST be female & willing to discuss bisexuality & related issues. WA & SIGN Wed, 8:9:45 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Feminist Bisexual Women's Support Group: discussion & support for bisexual women who come from, but feel a little out of place in both the straight & lesbian communities. Mtg every other Sun afternoon in SF. Not a therapy group. Info 626-3910.

Eastbay Feminist Bisexual Support Group: informal, accepting discussions & support. Not a therapy group. Meets 2nd & 4th Sun of each month. Info: Suzanne 845-6855.

Eastbay Bisexual Feminist Women Support & social group. Info: Judith 528-5331.

Bisexual Women's Group/Peninsula South Bay: social & discussion group, call Liz 857-1044 for info.

UC Berkeley Bi Rap Group for b women, men & friends. Support & socia group. Info: Mark 644-8078.

Bay Area Bisexual Network: umbrella organization for bisexual groups. resources & people. Open to everyone. whether or not they consider themselves bisexuals. Info: 564-BABN.
North American Multicultural Bisexual Network (NABN) acts as a clearinghouse for resources. AIDS info & political alerts. Visibility, education, pride. For newsletter, send $2 to NABN. 584 Castro St, #422. SF 94114. Info: 775-1990.
Bisexual Men's Support Group: discussion of bisexual men's issues. Not a therapy group. Meets every other Sun 7:30-9:30 pm. Info/location: 626-3910.
Bisexual Women's & Men's Support Group: Drop-in on Sun at 7 pm. Pacific Ctr, Berk. Info: 841-6224.
Marin Bisexual Women's Support Group: meets 2nd & 4th Thurs in San Anselmo. Info: Cindy 456-4192.
Gay Men's Support Group meets 8-9:30 pm at 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, room 18, San Anselmo. Spons by Ministry of Light. Info: 457-0854 or 457-1115.
Gay Men's Support Group meets Tues in SF. Self-led group deals with a wide range of personal issues. Seeks members willing to make extended commitment, who are open to sharing & working in a structured setting. Info: Greg 626-1197.
Fundamentalists Anonymous mtg: see Addiction Recovery.
Theology Anonymous Group: see Addiction Recovery.
Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous: SF group. see Incest & Battery.
Women's Cancer Support Groups: spons by Women's Cancer Resource Ctr. see Health.
Married Gay & Bi Men's Rap Group meets Wed at 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Drop-in. Info: 841-6224.
Transvestites & Transsexuals rap group (women & men): 1st and 3rd Wed and last Fri monthly, 8 pm. Pacific Ctr Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.
TV/TS & Friends Transgender Group meets 8 pm, last Thurs of each month. SF location. Info: 849-4112 or write ETVC, PO Box 6486, SF CA 94101. We're very active & friendly folks, call us.
Female-to-Male Crossdressers & Transsexuals Only Group. Newsletter & quarterly get-togethers. Info: FTM, 1827 Haight St #164, SF 94117.
Gay Men's Support Group in Fairfield. Raps & socials. Thurs 7:30-10 pm. Info: (707) 448-1010 or write PO Box 73, Fairfield, CA 94533.
Lesbian Adoptees: open group discussing issues around search, reunion, depression, anger, abandonment, identity, etc. Meets every other Sun in SF. Info: Amy 923-1454.
Adoptees, Birth Parents & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Pos Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.
Foster Children: support group for women who grew up in foster homes. For info call 359-5279.
Fat Dykes Support/Social Group meets twice monthly, once for potluck, once for discussion. Info: 569-5177, leave name, number, bit of info.
Eastbay Lesbian S/M Support Group for all lesbians with a positive interest in s/m & leather. Lesbians only. Have a hard time resolving your politics, spirituality or feelings with being a lesbian & into leather: this group is for you! Call 654-1591 or write: POB 20365 Oakland 94620.
Woman to Woman SM: Join the Outcasts, an educational, support & social group for lesbian, bisexual & transsexual women interested in SM with other women. Info/membership: write POB 31266, SF CA 94131-0266.
Eastbay Lesbian S/M Support Group: for all lesbians with a positive interest in s/m & leather. 2nd Thurs of each month, 8 pm. Lesbians only. Have a hard time resolving your politics, spirituality or feelings with being a lesbian & into leather? Call: 654-1591 or write POB 20365 Oakl. 94611.
S/M Lesbian Support/Discussion group. No perfumes or scents. Info/location: 668-4622.
Leatherdykes Support/Discussion/Social Group meets 2nd Thurs of each month, 2 pm. A group of lesbian-identified lesbians into s/m & leather: positive & responsible about sexuality. Group practices safe & consensual s/m sex. For lesbians only. Info: 654-1591 Eastbay.
Leather S/M Support Group meets Mon 7:30-10 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Open discussion group, with topics. Women & men welcome. Donation requested. Info: Gordon Jones 621-6786.
Society of Janus: educational, support & social club for those interested in consensual, safe, non-exploitative s/m. Open to women & men; straight, bisexual, lesbian & gay. Info: send SASE to Society of Janus, Dept CU, PO Box 6794, SF CA 94101 or call 848-0452.
Oakland/East Bay Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (Parents FLAG) holds support groups for parents, relatives & friends of lesbian & gay people. Info: Betty McCall 547-4657.
Berkeley PFLAG: 1st Wed of each month. Info: Ann 486-0534.
SF PFLAG: 2nd Sun each month, 2 pm. Info: Mary 928-2748.
Mid-Peninsula PFLAG meets 3rd Thurs of each month. Info: Verda 854-0142.
Diablo Valley PFLAG meets every 3rd Tues. info: POB 2174, Martinez, 94553 or call 372-9014.
Southbay PFLAG meets 2nd Wed of each month, San Jose location. Info: Nancy (408) 270-8182.
Marin PFLAG: welcomes & supports parents, spouses, siblings, friends & lesbians & gays to its mtgs. 2nd Wed of every month. Info: 479-3535.
Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group: discussion group for all lesbians. Meet Thurs 7:30 pm at the Palo Alto YWCA, 4161 Alma (just north of San Antonio), Palo Alto. Different topics each week, see Main Calendar for details. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.
East Bay Lesbian Rap: fun, relaxed atmosphere—come make new friends! Tues, 8-9:30 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.
Lesbian El Support Group: East Bay Environmental Illness support group. Info: MJ 536-7251, Mickey 843-2649, Maja 548-1549.
Working Class Dykes Writing Group: meets every other week. Write, read together, give support. You don't have to be published to join. Info: 569-5177, leave message.
UC Berkeley Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc: see Social Groups.
Stanford Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc: see Social Groups.
Christian Women's Support Group: see Spirituality.
Bay Area Sicilian & Italian Lesbians (BASIL): una famiglia di donne meets monthly to provide support & address the cultural & political concerns of Italian American & Sicilian American lesbians, and the difficulties of resisting assimilation into Anglo culture. If you need a pasta fix, call Janet 654-3531 (Oakl) or Marisa 731-9302 (SF).
Support Group for Women who want to leave the sex industry meets Tues 4-5:30 pm. Drop-in center open Tues noon-4 pm, 942 Market St #307. Spons by Women Emerging. Info: 982-3365.
Coming Out Group for Women in the Eastbay. Women of all ages welcome. Info: 521-1383 (leave message).
Women's Coming Out Group: open to women of all ages, drop-in. Choose topics, make friends. 6 pm Wed at Pacific Ctr (newcomers come at 5:45 pm to meet facilitator). 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.
Coming Out Group for Women in SF. Support/social. Women of all ages welcome. Info: Carol 431-6374 (leave message).
Dyslexic Dykes Support Group: meets every other week. Info: 569-5177, leave best times to call, some info about self.
Slightly Older Lesbian Support Group for lesbians over 30. Rap group meets 7:30 pm Thurs at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Long-running group. Info: 841-6224 or 548-8283 (leave message for SOL).
Feminist Women in Recovery: support group for women of all ages, ethnic backgrounds & sexual orientation (no s/m) who are in recovery. Info: Susan 864-5677.
Gay Men's Sexual Phobia Group: explore our chronic sexual phobias & dysfunctins. Focus on impotence & incest. For gay men under 40 years old. SF location. Info: write Sex Group, 584 Castro St, Ste 275, SF 94114-2588.
MidLife Lesbian Support Group meets Mon 6-8 pm in SF. Low-cost. SL fee. Spons by Options for Women Over Forty. Info: 431-6405.
Small, Etc, a club for men who are ashamed of their size, and other gay men who are "normal", but understanding. Group offers support, connection with others. For newsletter & other info send SASE to Small, Etc, PO Box 294, Bayside NY 11361.
The Caring Coterie: a group for men having environmental sensitivities. Share resources, remedies, & support in a "safe" and accessible Oakland space. Info: Ray 763-0235.
Visualization/Problem Solving Support Group: pool psychic resources to support one another & create change. Info: Margo Adair 861-6838.
Gay Writers Support Group & wkshop for gay men actively engaged in writing. Writers asked to submit 10 pages of their work. No fee. SF mtgs, 7:30-9:30 pm. Info: 861-2385.
Men's Support Group for Foreskin Restoration: meets at 4 pm every 1st Sun of the month. No fees or dues. BUFF and NOCIRC information available. Call Wayne 827-4077 for details.
Siblings of a mentally ill sister or brother support group: For lesbians & gay men who have mentally ill siblings. Talk about feelings of loss, anger, sadness & fear; discuss paying attention to our own needs. Info: 661-6379.
Support Group for Battered Lesbians, spons by WOMAN, Inc—see Incest & Battery.
For More Listings in the support group category, see *SF Bay Times'* classifieds in the "Open Exchange" therapy/support group section, under **"relationship therapy"**, **"recovery addiction"**, **"incest/battery therapy"** and **"discussion/consultation groups"**.

► THERAPY GROUPS

Women's Institute for Mental Health: low-fee individual, couples & grou therapy. SL starts at $15. Lesbian-only groups available. Groups for women abused as children. Info: 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.
Disabled Lesbian Group for women with physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, chronic illness & chronic pain. Wed & Thurs at Operation Concern. WA, SL. Info: 626-7000 voice/tty.
Gay Men's Disabled Group: are you a gay man with a physical/hidden disability? Isolated & in need of support/therapy? Call 626-7000 v/tty. Group held at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF.
Sexual Compulsive Group for gay men: an ongoing psychotherapy group for gay men whose sexual behavior is out of control. Monday eves at Operation Concern, SF. Info: Jim Fishman 626-7000.
Grief Group for those who have lost a loved one thru suicide. Deal with feelings of anger, confusion, guilt. Find strength, support. Meets wkly for 8 wks, lic therapist facilitates. Spons by SF Suicide Prevention. Info: 752-4866.
Gay Men's Groups at Operation Concern: new 12-wk process group starts each month. Safe place to develop your interpersonal relating skills. Preliminary interview required. Info: Operation Concern 626-7000.
McAuley Neuropsychiatric Institute at St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF offers a number of psychotherapy groups (eating disorders, incest survivors, single parents, women, etc) for individuals & couples. Wkly mtgs, SL fee. For info or to register: Helga Justman, LCSW 750-5603.
Berkeley Free Clinic peer counseling collective provides counseling for individuals & couples, also provides mediations. Info: 548-2570.
Fort Help: nonprofit center offers psychotherapy & counseling for a wide variety of life problems. Diverse staff includes lesbian & gay counselors. SL fees. For info/appt: 546-7779. 965 Mission St, Ste 520, SF.
Lesbian Couples Therapy at Operation Concern. Offers lesbian relationship therapy—this can include lovers, exlovers, family or friends. Low fee, sliding scale. MediCal accepted. 1853 Market St, SF. WA. Info: 626-7000 v/tty.
Men—Have You Abused Your Lover? Feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love most? MOVE offers help for gay & bisexual men who batter. See Incest & Battery section for details.
For Additional Listings in the **Therapy** category see *Coming Up*'s classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"counseling"**, **"relationship"**, **"recovery addiction"** and **"incest/battery"** therapy headings.

► YOUTH

Youth Rap! Meet other young lesbians, gays, bisexuals (or wondering), age 22 or under, in a friendly, supportive group. Talk about sexuality, coming out, dealing with parents & friends. Speakers, videos, social events, etc. Thurs, 4-5:30 pm, 1700 Jackson St nr Van Ness Ave, SF. Info Rik or Holly 558-4801.
Lesbian/Gay Social Group for high-school age students. Info: Christin 554-7632.
Youth Group for Gay/Bi or ? Women & Men age 23 or under. Drop-in. Suggest topics, make friends. 1:30- 3 pm, Sat at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.
Peninsula Gay/Lesbian Youth Group discussion/social, Sun at 2 pm. Fireside Room, University Lutheran Church, 1611 Stanford Ave, Palo Alto. Info: 856-1144, or write POB 60782, Palo Alto, CA. Group is not church-affiliated.
Slightly Younger Lesbians & Gays, a social/support/activity group for men & women under 25. Meets every Sunday, 1-3pm, San Jose location. Info: (408) 293-4529.
Gay Area Youth Switchboard: see Hotlines & Referrals.
LYRIC (Lavender Youth Recreation Ctr): for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth. Dances, outings, newsletter, etc. Meetings held 2nd Sun of the month at 536 Central Ave, nr Hayes, SF. Come meet other youth, have fun! Info: John W 626-7000.
Young Gay Men's Rap Group for those 23 & under. Fri 7-9 pm. Non-therapy rap group conceived & conducted by gay & bisexual men. MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 826-2526.
Young Lesbians: weekly support group for those 25 & under, Santa Cruz location. Info: Valerie (408)427-3862.
Peninsula Young Gay Men: support group for gay men under 23 who live in the Northern Peninsula. Info: 979-8864.
Join the GAY Group (Growing American Youth) group, open to gay men & lesbians 23 & under. Meets 2nd & 4th Fri of each month, 7 pm, Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Info: 827-2960.
"Jackson Street," weekly therapy group for lesbians & gays under 21. Work on issues: coming out, sexual identity, survival, relationships, AIDS anxiety & other health issues. "Jackson Street" was formed to provide a place for young people to talk, find support & feel comfortable exploring their sexuality. Facilitated by Ruth Hughes & Ron Henderson. 3-5 pm, Ctr for Special Problems, 1700 Jackson St, (bet Van Ness & Franklin) SF. Spons by the Sexual Minority Youth Program at the Ctr for Special Problems. Info: Ron or Ruth 558-4801.
Children of alcoholics/addicts group for children of color, see Addiction Recovery.
Prevention & Intervention Group for adolescent drug & alcohol abusers. See Addiction Recovery.
California Runaway Hotline provides services to young people who need help, want someone to talk to, or want to send a message to their parents. See Hotlines & Referrals.
Rainbow's End: Lesbian/Gay Youth Group. Open to ages 14-21. Thurs eves at 7 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake, room 12, San Anselmo, Marin. Info: 457-1115.
Rap Group for gay, lesbian & bisexual youth, 21 & uncer. Explore issues of sexuality, coming out, relationships & more in a supportive environment. Meet other gay youth & youth who are exploring their sexuality. Group meets Fridays, 6:30-8 pm, Community Living Room, 28 W 37th Ave, San Mateo (very accessible, cross street is El Camino Real, very near Hillsdale exit off route 101). Info: 572-0535.

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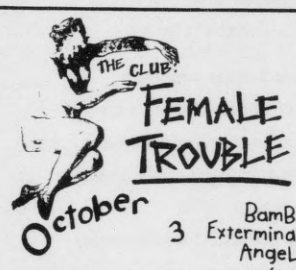
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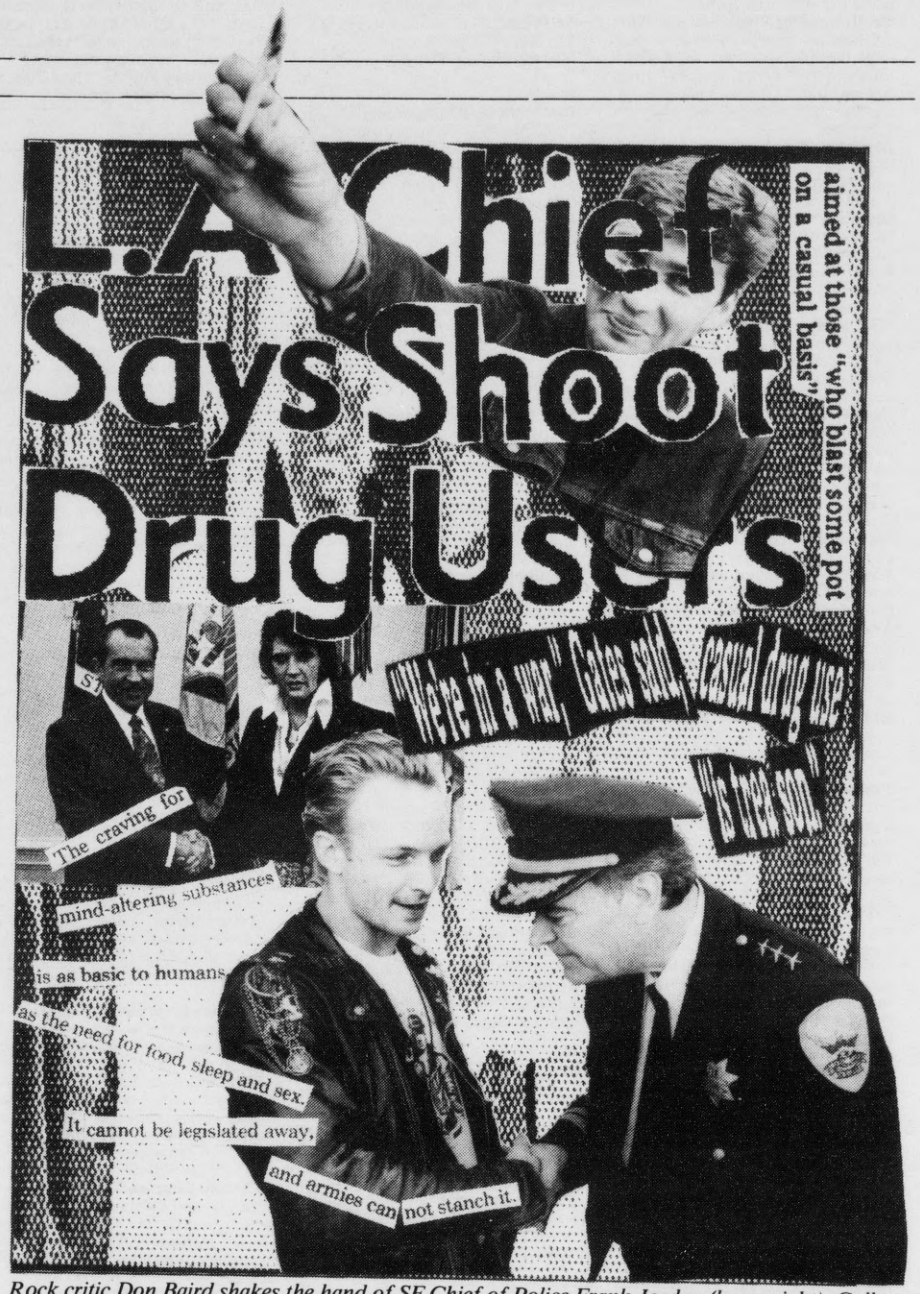
Sex, sex, sex, is that all anyone writes about in the gay press anymore? A sex club south of Market on Tehama St. gets hassled by the police and suddenly the local gay rags editorialize on the possibilities of reopening the bathhouses. Granted, gay sex is a huge, extremely important issue for the '90s, but what about drugs? Talk about an issue that really takes a bashing! And to make this trio of issues complete, what about rock 'n' roll? Censorship, liability lawsuits for teen suicide, and undying protest by christian fundamentalists plague rock more forcefully now than my memory serves. How many pro-marijuana legalization editorials sprung up in the gay press in the wake of Dennis Peron's current possession charges? And how many times did the gay press address the issue of censorship in relation to rock music rather than simply photographs of boys pissing or someone getting fisted? "Nope, sorry. Karen Finley is as close as we get."

I've long ago come to terms with the fact that rock 'n' roll music will forever be shunned by the gay community in favor of disco as the Qu'ran of gay culture, but there's no 12-stepping around the fact that drugs have had an undeniable influence on us too, and far from a totally negative one. And yes, that means poppers and cape cods, too. Even the *S.F. Examiner* recently ran a very logical editorial entitled, "Legalize Drugs," shaking a bit of that stodgy, right-wing image, while leaving the polititically progressive gay rags to titter away about healing crystals, parade committee bitch fights, what to boycott, and other often tedious issues that threaten to polarize a community that needs so much to progress toward unity. But let's get back to drugs.

I bought a box of candy the other day and on the inside of both ends of the box it read, "Say No To Drugs." It spoiled my appetite to think that Nancy Reagan's campaign has seeped that far into the nation's consciousness, but when you think about it and look around, it has clearly gone much further than just the inside flap of a box of lemonheads.

In fact, Geraldo recently featured an episode devoted to kids who turned their parents in for drugs. I watched a young girl say, "I knew they were smoking pot because I could smell it. It smelled reallv...um...gross." Then, in one of those rare moments when I talk to the television, I yelled, "Not half as bad as the bargain-bin orphanage I'd send you to if I was your father."

If she had only missed that one anti-drug episode of Punky Brewster, this might not have happened. Maybe it was that episode of Different Strokes that Nancy Reagan appeared on, co-starring with that bitter child actor with bad kidneys who's really 28, and that teen actor whose work beyond that series included shooting his crack dealer in the head five times in L.A. Who knows what caused the little narc to tip off the cops about her dad? There are too many possibilities. Maybe she bought a box of lemonheads, too.



Rock critic Don Baird shakes the hand of SF Chief of Police Frank Jordan (lower right). Collage by Marc Geller.

Earlier this year, Drug Czar William Bennet blamed Satan as the cause of this nation's drug problem. He is paid a lot of money to come up with answers like that. He could have said elves or Bigfoot or anything else no one has ever seen. More recently, on the first anniversary of the Bush administration's war on drugs, L.A. Police Chief Daryl Gates claimed that casual drug users "ought to be taken out and shot." This tough-guy stance was aimed at those "who blast some pot on a casual basis."

Well, hand me my blindfold and put me in front of a line of men, aiming and ready to shoot. Sounds like a normal night at the aforementioned Sex Club I guess, but the actual thought makes me slightly fearful. I "blast pot" far more than occasionally, have done so since I was a freshman in high school, and don't plan on stopping. I could understand authorities wanting someone like me to stay away from schoolyards, or stopping me from making big money by selling it (they really hate that), but shoot me? C'mon! Would you shoot Marion Berry or just re-elect him after a first-class rehabilitation?

Actually, that wasn't the first time I've heard the instant execution threat. When I was a junior in high school, my science teacher, a winner of the esteemed Oregon State Teacher of the Year Award, told the class after a riveting lecture on drug-related chromosomal damage, that if he ever caught someone giving his daughter drugs he would shoot them. It didn't stop me from getting high at lunch time with her like I did almost daily, nor did it stop me from passing a few triple-beam scales out the classroom window to a business-minded buddy outside with an empty gym bag, ready to embark on a venture that would teach him more about money than Personal Finance class ever did. All of the "dangers of marijuana" lectures and anti-drug films (my favorite was hosted by Sonny Bono and replete with simulated LSD trips and pill party busts), I suffered through for seven years were, upon reflection, 100 percent right about one thing: Marijuana *does* lead to harder drugs...thank God! And God bless the person who altered the "Don't do drugs, call a friend" billboard at Haight and Divisadero. Paying close attention to detail, someone neatly added the word *alone* right after *drugs* and punctuated properly. Newly altered, the message was good advice, sensibly educational and pro-generosity. My heart is full!

One wouldn't need to peruse the annals of Rock 'n' Roll history very carefully to find numerous indications that drugs and rock have co-existed hand in hand all along. While many

would focus on all the choked-on-their-own-vomit overdoses in rock and roll heaven, my favorite example of the glorification of this unholy alliance has to be the fact that Elvis Presley, The King, was granted an honorary badge and title as a drug enforcement agent by President Nixon. I think that's neat, but what's even more bitchin' is the fact that the U.S. Army actually introduced Elvis to the wonderful world of amphetamines during his famous tour of duty in Germany. The "soldiers' little helper" thus insured that the Mystery Train didn't run on coal alone ever again.

The '80s proved to be the rock 'n' roll rehab decade, and the '90s so far have continued that sentiment with a host of bands and stars endorsing sobriety and even composing anti-drug anthems. Record albums are now embossed with parental advisory warnings for explicit lyrics, cover art with a hint of nudity can often delay a record's release indefinitely, and penning a pro-drug song could probably land an artist in court, facing liability for every teen overdose in the country. That is, unless Police Chief Daryl Gates doesn't pump you full of lead first for treason. We are at war with drugs, you know.

It's hard to believe that 24 years ago The Velvet Underground recorded the song "Heroin" with little or no adverse consequences. Now, former Velvet Lou Reed is a member of R.A.D., Rockers Against Drugs, not to mention a reformed queer. All of this is why I so enthusiastically embrace the group Jane's Addiction, their new LP, *Ritual de lo Habitual,* and their outspoken vocalist Perry Farrel. When I bought their latest album, the person behind the counter said, "Did you hear about Perry Farrel?" Three people in line inquisitively chimed in unison, "Did he overdose?" I love that. He didn't overdose, but what he did do in response to the controversy over his chosen cover art was release an alternative white cover with only the first amendment printed on it.

Ritual de lo Habitual has a Spanish language introduction, spoken by what sounds like a young girl. Translated it says, "Senores y Senoras—We have more influence on your children than you do, but we love them. Welcome, from Los Angeles, Jane's Addiction." This intro is a stark contrast to a statement made by one of the members of Judas Priest during their recent trial for suicide liability due to subliminal messages in their music: "When we made that record five years ago, I didn't even know what subliminal meant!" This quote was a perfect pie-in-the-face of the whole trial, a painful media circus of idiocy set in motion by some parents who must have got bored with playing Keno and decided to play lawsuit instead.

Ritual de lo Habitual's intro literally takes all responsibility for the possible influence Jane's Addiction may have on young listeners. It renders parent/teen "quality time" and "bonding," already weakened by adolescence, practically meaningless. Think back to your teenage years, and you'll remember how dreadful and embarrassing it was when your parents tried to do their idealistic, rites-of-passage Mother/Father duties. I think Jane's Addiction's *Ritual* is the teen ritual of choice. It beats the shit out of Dad buying Son his first prostitute at the Mustang Ranch for his 16th birthday.

Musically the record is far more complex than their last. It's a dense and quirky smattering of styles with fragmented, often narrative lyrics and extremely fine production qualities. The song "Been Caught Stealing" is the big standout cut. Lyrically, it sounds like an existentialist telling his story or "sharing" at a shoplifters-anonymous meeting while musically, the double-time hand-jive riff and power-thumping bass make for one of the best dance songs I've heard all year, something one wouldn't expect from Jane's Addiction. And it's all about shoplifting!

Perry Farrel doesn't mind copping to illicit activities at all. He recently showed an interviewer from Melody Maker a video of himself and his girlfriend shooting up, their arms tied off with the phone cord while his girlfriend's mom was talking on it, and a ritualistic Sataria wedding ceremony in which they both slit their wrists and mix blood. Kids, please, do not attempt this at home.

The press release for *Ritual* is in the style of a religious pamphlet, printed once in English and on the reverse side in Spanish. Perry rises to the occasion with some great comments. Here are a few:

"The fact that everyody gets to die is to me, the ultimate gift, everybody's a winner...So, if everybody realized that they should play for fun instead of for keeps, then everybody would be a winner."

"I'm a good trash picker. That's the best thing my mother ever taught me, was to go through the garbage."

"If I were to try to please MTV instead of myself, I'd be miserable and they'd be dictating my life. In a way I'm indebted to people like those at MTV, or evangelists, or women who are married to Senators, cause they force me to change. They're actually doing me a favor. I won't compromise, but they do force me to be more creative."

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ATTRACTIVE, HEALTHY GAM, 26, 5'8", 145 lbs, , seeks straight acting GWM, 22-35 yrs, for fun, friendship and possible relationship. **3154**

MASCULINE, ATTRACTIVE, HEALTHY GWM, (San Jose), 37, bl/bl, 5'8", 155 lbs, clean, sober, horny, HIV+, Hi-Tech prof., seeks masc. men, 20-40 yrs. **Ext. 3155**

GWM, 33, 5'10", 135 LBS, slim, goodlooking and nice. I am looking for iasting relationship with nice and sexy GWM. Be into safe sex and a lot of love, HIV-. **Ext. 3186**

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WM WITH A STRONG LIBIDO, 32, 5'8", 170 lbs, hairy, bl/bl, wants top or bttm action with white or hisp. male with good builds. No drugs! **Ext. 3179**

ROMANTIC HUNK, GWM, 30, 6', 180 lbs, great body, great face. Looking for similar for fun and dates. Are you cute? **Ext. 3141**

GBM, 40, WANTS TO MEET GWM, 40-45 yrs., for friendship, possible relationship. I am 5'11", 180 lbs, I like quiet times, safe sex, no drugs. **Ext. 3113**

BABY FACED CHUBBY! I am 32, 290 lbs, 6', and looking for handsome chaser who is above 5'11", 33-46 yrs. I enjoy guys in leather, facial hair A+, safe sex with fun. **Ext. 3220**

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GWM, TOP, VERSATILE, 41, 6'1", 160 lbs, br/hzl, HIV+, healthy, seeks safe sex, romance, friendship with GWM, 30-45 yrs. **Ext. 3310**

LOOKING FOR LEATHER TOP! GWM, 28, 6', brn/brn, very handsome, bottom, seeks hot leather top for BD, SM, FF, real hot safe sex. **Ext. 3309**

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Bay Area Women's Philharmonic Celebrates Ten Years of Making Musical History



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BY NOELLE HANRAHAN

On October 6, the Bay Area Women's Philharmonic (BAWP), an internationally renowned symphony orchestra, will kick off its 10th Anniversary season at the First Congregational Church with a performance featuring Joan Tower's Fanfare for the Uncommon Woman #2 and soloist Paula Robinson in Neilsen's Flute Concerto. A gala post-concert reception will follow at Circle Gallery, 140 Maiden Lane.

The mission of the Philharmonic and what drives its staff and supporters is the desire to create opportunities for women conductors, performers and composers. The dedication to this vision, and the fact that BAWP is a unique national resource, makes their work invaluable.

It is a testimony to the staff that at no time has BAWP wavered in its commitment to being a women's organization. This is in part because no one else in the symphony world is pretending to even remotely care about BAWP's mission. In the face of some of the most awe-inspiring challenges the most amazing work emerges.

The beauty of any orchestra is in the grand scale and the majesty of the performance. Traditionally women's contributions to this form of musical expression has been severely limited by lack of opportunity, training and the sexism of the ages. "It is a lost cultural heritage," comments Miriam Abrams, executive director and one of the founders of BAWP. To illustrate her point, she relates the story of Fanny Mendelssohn, the sister of 19th century composer Felix Mendelssohn, who was considered his peer, yet remained unrecorded and barely documented because of social proscription. According to Abrams, Fanny Mendelssohn lamented, "It has been so long since I have written anything, but what does it matter? No one will hear my song and no one will dance to my tune."

BAWP tries to address this injustice by documenting, preserving and recording scores by women. In early 1990, the Newport Classic label released the first BAWP recording, "Baroquen Treasures," with critically-acclaimed maestro Jo Ann Falletta conducting.

The Philharmonic is a standard 65-piece symphony which occasionally also performs as a chamber orchestra. The addition of Falleta has enhanced the reputation of BAWP, while also allowing Falleta to profit from the association. She splits her time between the Long Beach Symphony Orchestra, The Queens Philharmonic, The Denver Chamber Orchestra and her duties with BAWP. In 1989 she completed her Ph.D. at Julliard and has worked as the associate conductor of the Milwaukee Symphony, in addition to guest conducting with symphonies worldwide. Working with the BAWP allows Falletta to experiment with new and creative interpretations.

The Philharmonic's repertoire consists of 25 percent historical pieces and 75 percent newer compositions. For generations, women have been denied the opportunity to compose and conduct. For a composer to be well known and respected, she must write orchestral arrangements. It is nearly impossible for a composer without the assistance of an organization to get her works performed, much less recorded. This is where BAWP's impact is most dramatic. It provides the opportunity for a composer to see her work realized.

In the past decade, BAWP has improved with each season. In the late '80s, funders and critics began to acknowledge the group's development. "If you compare us to other orchestras in our area, on every level we compare as well if not better," comments Abrams. "We have the same or bigger audience, as good if not better reviews, a nationally renowned conductor—I am putting aside the San Francisco symphony for this comparison." Abrams continues, "We are a good orchestra, and the reason that we are really good is that we have this mission of performing works by women composers that we feel very strongly about. It infuses the concerts and the organization with a special excitement and enthusiasm that is projected in everything that we do... If we weren't a good orchestra, we would be getting nowhere fast. It would really defeat our purpose, because what would happen is that since these are unknown, the works would not sound that good and people would say that the reason why women's works are not performed is because they are not that good anyway."

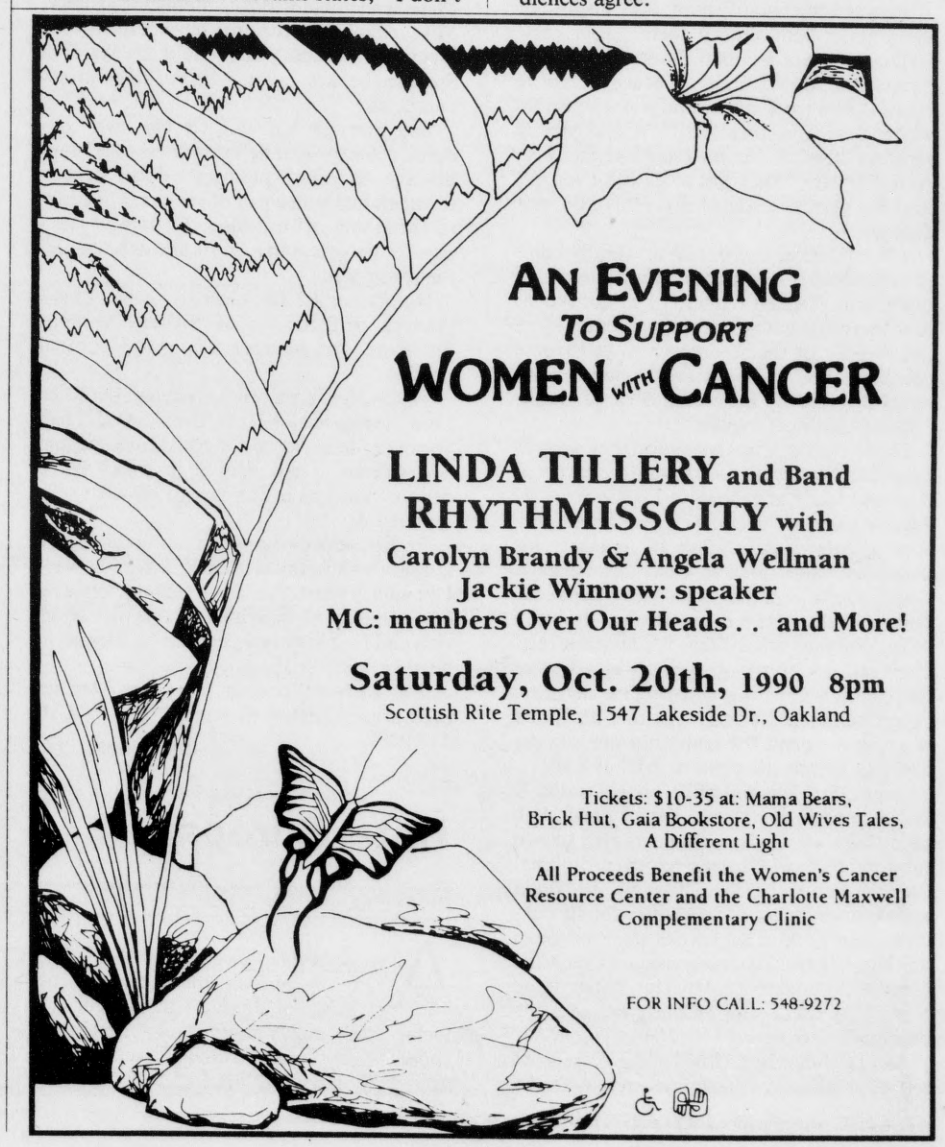
Another factor in the success of the BAWP is the fact that there are very few orchestras in the country who do as much pioneering work. BAWP performs more new music than any other local ensemble. In addition to performing works by women, they are also stretching the limits of what people conceive of as an orchestra. And this creative freedom is very attractive to performers and composers who are yearning for more creativity than is allowed in the staid mainstream symphony environment. "If there is any orchestra that can stretch the limits of what an orchestra is, than it is us," elaborates Abrams. "We have already broken the barriers anyway. Most orchestras are based on elitism and classism. They have got to get society people into their concerts, and those people are giving them lots of money, so they generally have very conservative tastes. We are not bound by that. That gives us a lot more freedom to take risks."

The Bay Area is unique in its support of variety and diversity in music. It also has one of the strongest and most vibrant women's communities. This combination keeps the BAWP in business. Abrams states, "I don't think that we could do this in any other area...at virtually every concert we have a composer present who is hearing her work sometimes for the first time... I don't think that our audience really understands how special they are. At the SF Symphony when they perform new music the composer is lucky if he—usually *he*—can get onto the stage and off before the crowd applause dies down.

The strength of having a natural audience that includes classical music devotees *and* those who have traditionally not supported the classical arts is that there is a large community that is new to the music that can potentially reinvigorate an audience. "Here are all these orchestras that are scrambling because the average age of the traditional orchestra patrons is something like 55, and these people are dying out, and there is nobody to replace them," elaborates Abrams. "We don't have that problem. The backbone of our organization from the beginning has been the women's community."

From the outset, BAWP's other founders Nan Washburn and Elizabeth Min, along with Abrams, wanted to produce something other than just a women's version of the San Francisco Symphony. Their adherence to feminist principles and their close ties with the women's cultural community inspires innovation in both their organizational approach and their program. Whether it is childcare, disabled accessibility, or an awareness of keeping the ticket prices as low as possible, BAWP maintains a fundamental feminist outlook.

The Bay Area Women's Philharmonic is truly a success story of the first order. It is destined to continuing a reciprocal relationship with the community of San Francisco for many years to come. "It is so hard when things are so tough like around AIDS and the violence against women, economically and we are on the verge of world war three in the Persian Gulf. We need to have a place that really nourishes us and celebrates the achievements of women," says Abrams, and the capacity audiences agree.



THEATRE

The Lisbon Traviata

REVIEWED BY GENE PRICE

There are opera queens and there are opera queens and then there are Mendy and Stephen, the two gay opera fanatics in Torrence McNally's comedy/drama, *The Lisbon Traviata*. Repeating his *tour de force* New York performance is Nathan Lane as Mendy, the flamboyant, acid-tongued worshipper of Maria Callas. Richard Thomas, who has joined the cast of the West Coast company, is Stephen, the other representative of that particular strain of gay culture that is possessed by the full-blown emotions and tragedy of opera. In a first act display of one-upmanship, they spout performance dates, places, supporting casts, what the divas wore, and whether or not she flatted. Time and again the audience bursts into applause at their wildly funny antics.

But *The Lisbon Traviata* is not about opera, and the ability to distinguish a high C from a B flat is no prerequisite to enjoying the outrageous bitchery of McNally's dialogue. Beneath its rabid lunacy the play evokes the fear of growing old alone, of loving and not being loved in return, of disintegrating relationships that are beyond salvaging, and of the desperation that comes with losing. As in grand opera, emotions are exposed on a grand scale.

Mendy, divorced, a father, and lonely for affection is entertaining long-time friend, Stephen, a book editor. The apartment is comfortable, furbelowed Victorian, a cozy nook for arguing the pros and cons of bel Canto divas.

Between the two of them, they dispose of every major 20th century opera star in a few well-chosen words. Joan Sutherland is "the beast from down under." Marilyn Horne "sings like a truck driver and was discovered while driving a fork lift." When Mendy remarks that Caballe can't sing, Stephen corrects him with "She's got a beautiful voice." Mendy glares disdainfully, "That's not enough!"

All references are operatic. Mendy compliments Stephen with the comment that he's butch and Stephen replies, "I'm not butch. Risé Stevens is butch." Even moments before the tragedy of the second act, a passionate Stephen rages, "Nobody ever accused Callas of starting AIDS." Even then, he cannot resist. "Renata Scotto...*maybe.*"

Unable to agree upon a record they want to hear, Stephen mentions a pirated recording of *Traviata* that Callas sang in Lisbon in 1958. Mendy has never *heard* of it. He goes into a frenzy, entreating Stephen to return to his apartment and bring it back immediately. Stephen refuses. He can't go back—Mike, his lover of eight years is entertaining a "friend." When Stephen admits that it's an open relationship, it's pretty obvious to Mendy that Stephen is not the one enjoying the benefits. A late call from Mike advises that his friend is going to spend the night and despondent Stephen spends the night on Mendy's sofa.

Act II, Stephen and Mike's living room. It is contemporary, stark, sleek, lined with recordings and hi-fi equipment, and strewn here and there with hastily removed clothing. Stephen arrives, begins picking up, and turns to find himself face to face with a totally naked stranger looking for his clothes. Paul (Sean Michael O'Bryan) is embarrassed. Lover Mike (beautifully underplayed by Dan Butler of the New York cast) tries to bluff through the awkward situation.

Stephen, in a beautifully written scene of self-destruction, takes the offensive. When he succeeds in humiliating Paul, the young man makes a hasty departure. Then, in the best tradition of Grand opera, he turns on Mike and builds to a mad scene replete with terms, recollections of their good times, pleas, hysteria and finally threats. Retaining his cool, Mike reminds him that they haven't really been lovers for several years. He'll always love Stephen, he says, but now he's *in* love with someone else.



Nathan Lane and Richard Thomas in "The Lisbon Traviata"

But Stephen has pushed his own self-destruct button and he's powerless to contain his rage. As Mike heads for the door, Stephen threatens him with a pair of scissors. Mike tries to shrug him off but loses the dare. A mad Stephen lip-synchs to a Callas aria as he cradles the dying Mike.

Melodramatic? Too much so...even with the bravura performance of Richard Thomas revealing the horrors of out-of-control passion.

This is McNally's original ending, but when I saw the play in New York, the playwright had responded to audience and critical reaction and had written a new ending in which Mike departs and leaves Stephen to his own self-centered devices.

Even though the present brutal ending simply doesn't wash, this is one of the funniest plays I've seen in years. And it's a chilling portrayal of a desperate lover unable to cope with rejection and four very real people who happen to be gay.

The Lisbon Traviata plays the Marines Memorial Theatre through Nov. 4. Call 243-9001.

Hotel Europa

REVIEWED BY GENE PRICE

A successful rip-snorting, knee-slapping farce is perhaps the most difficult category of drama a playwright can tackle. Wit must be abundant, epigrams should be delivered with unselfconscious abandon, doors must pop open and slam on cue. The actors must be precision drilled. There ought to be *one* sane person we care about who can serve as a foil for the farcical goings-on. And whether the script satirizes politics, marriage, religion, or social custom, the director's imprint on the play is as important as the text itself.

Playwright/critic Tom Kelly's farce, *Hotel Europa,* has a few problems. Billed as a comedy satire, the play takes a scatter-shot approach: one moment exposing religion's avaricious bent; another moment revealing the cold-blooded treatment of the working class by the rich; then the eagerness of the working class to be ill-used for quick cash. Greedy-for-fame television reporters get their lumps; career women are exposed as fawning sexpots; the imported American assassin goes to bed with the woman he's been hired to erase. These modern-dress *Three Penny Opera* characters buy and sell each other with amoral abandon.

Second to the lack of a dominant theme—or even a hero who can comment on the events at hand—is the matter of the actors' accents. Six of the actors must speak with English accents, and while I have no quarrel with their handling of broad "a's" and clipped syllables, some of them tended to *over*-accent at the expense of clarity (Craig Dickerson especially, and on occasion the otherwise delightful Jane Goerlitz). Rushed punch lines left some of Kelly's best barbs unrewarded by laughter.

The plot is as complex as any self-respecting farce would wish for. Tycoon Reginald LeGrand (Dickerson) and his imperious wife Britannia (Martha Wade) have checked into adjoining rooms of London's seedy Hotel Europa. LeGrand has hired an American gunman (Tom Dryden) to murder his wife on the stroke of eight while he meantime diddles a young priest (Michael Cronin) who is only too willing to divest himself of his robes for a few pounds.

Britannia, not to be outdone, has hired an unscrupulous TV reporter (Jane Goerlitz) to provide her with divorce evidence by filming her husband between the sheets with his secretary (Stephanie Lowe). A bellboy (Andrew Sproule) slips in and out of armoires as he plays both sides of the warring parties, adding considerably to his own tip jar.

In one of the funnier situations, the American gunman becomes confused as to which of the three women is the real Britannia, his rightful target. Clever Britannia—in a grand democratic gesture offers five pounds to all who vote for Ms. Primfeldt, the secretary. It's unanimous. Ms. Primfeldt wins, makes a charming "thank you" speech, and is promptly dispatched by the gunman. Too late, she is discovered to be the television reporter's long-lost daughter, having been sold by her enterprising mother to provide material for a story on black market babies.

Then there's the telltale birthmark that reveals one of the men to be the Reginald's unknown son and heir. (A missed cue for some outrageous stage business.)

And so, in the words of diarist Samuel Pepys, to bed. All seven of them—in the same bed—including the corpse of Ms. Primfeldt!

The hit-and-miss direction of Alex Roe may pull itself together with further "live" performances, further attention to *ensemble* acting, some zanier stage business, and pacing (which is not the same as faster line reading). Six seconds of a bump-and-grinding, half-nude priest is funny. Twelve seconds is not.

Noel Marcovecchio designed the side-by-side hotel rooms and Rick Garlinghouse the lights and costumes. I thought Britannia's costumes unnecessarily dowdy for a woman of her social and economic status.

Hotel Europa plays Thursday-Saturdays through Oct. 6, 8 p.m. at the Exit Theatre, 3336 Eddy St. Call 673-3847.

Roy

REVIEWED BY GENE PRICE

Anyone who was not around in 1954 to witness the televised hearings of the Committee on Un-American Activities might not savor the full moral depravity of



Photo by Stephen Savage

Roy Cohn

Roy Cohn, the anti-hero of Joel Ensana's *Roy,* the season opener at Theatre Rhinoceros. Ensana has chosen not to provide psychological insights into the Machiavellian career of Cohn, but rather to dramatise the disbarred attorney's "no regrets" reflections as he lies dying, a victim of AIDS. For those who were not around during those infamous trials, a word of background may be in order.

Paranoia over the threat of Communism led Congress to perpetrate the most massive witch hunt this side of the Spanish Inquisition. As chairman of the House Committee, Senator Joseph McCarthy pounded his desk, waved fake lists of Communists in the air, and eventually destroyed hundreds of careers through unscrupulous innuendo. (A number of Hollywood writers, actors, and directors resisted; others fell into line and informed on each other.)

McCarthy's chief counsel (read hatchet man) was Roy Cohn, a scheming, ruthless mama's boy and closeted homosexual who was rabidly homophobic in public. At 25, he was appointed by the Attorney General as a full time Communist hunter. (His appointment—a choice over Robert Kennedy—was a clever ploy. Being a Jew, his relentless hounding of suspected Jewish Communists and their sympathizers could hardly be laid to racism.) Cohn always prided himself on his part in the prosecution and execution of the Rosenbergs. He died of AIDS complications in the fall of 1986, denying to the end that he was homosexual and that he had AIDS.

Ensana's play, set in Cohn's hospital room, unfolds in a score or more of mini-flashbacks. Cohn plots with his mother to avoid summer camp; he makes use of his father's clout to avoid the draft; he engages in influence peddling with a Mafia chief. He intimidates a companion; romps with a favorite hustler (imported from San Francisco), and submits to an ever-present whining, domineering mother. Underdeveloped, these scenes are seldom incisive. More compelling are those vignettes in the hospital room with the overbearing, gay male nurse. In recurring diatribes the nurse harangues Cohn into declaring his homosexuality to the press in the hope that Cohn's influential friends in government (read Ron and Nancy) might just kick in some big funds for AIDS research. This specious reasoning irritated this reviewer almost as much as it did Cohn. But monstrous egomaniac to the end, cohn went out snarling and defiant.

Other than a power to inspire fear and loathing, playwright Ensana's Cohn was governed by a passion for sex. "I don't know what I love more," he says, "sex or being a lawyer."

Is Ensana's message that Cohn's fall from the heights was not divine retribution for a lifetime of evil deeds but rather the contraction of a disease through his insatiable need for sexual gratification? A mundane tragedy at best.

Fred Franklin, whose physical presence did much to evoke Roy Cohn, delivered a particularly brilliant portrayal of this volatile, much-despised man. Never off stage, Franklin's chameleon-like mood switches from scene to scene were impressive in their virtuosity. He might well have played the entire script as a monologue.

Maureen Coyne was taxed with the predictable lines of the stereotypical Jewish mother. John Hogan played the companion Mark with solicitous charm and also doubled as four of Cohn's anonymous sex partners. Mike Pfleegor made brief appearances as the ineffectual father, a Mafia chief, a judge, and Senator McCarthy. Barbara Van Dermeer was a brief but haunting Ethel Rosenberg, an actress, and long-time friend of Cohn, Barbara Walters. Gary Widlund was Jules, the stereotypically officious and fey male nurse.

Ed Decker directed. This sparse but functional set suggesting, in addition to the hospital room, a Provincetown deck, a cell for an electric chair, a corner table at "21," and his mother's home, was by John Clay James, Jr.

Roy plays through October 13 at Theatre Rhinoceros. Call 861-5079.



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Beirut

Beirut

REVIEWED BY ROBERT WILLDEN

Beirut is the quarantined part of New York City devastated by an AIDS-like plague some time in the not-too-far-distant Orwellian future, and the scene of Alan Bowne's play *Beirut.* A pestilence has swept the city. Central Park has long since been shut down to prevent uninfected people (the Negatives) from coming together. And the diseased (the Positives) have been interned. Semen, blood, and even sweat and saliva (it is rumored) promote the disease. Almost any human contact will infect.

The healthy part of the city is loaded with "sex detectors" and informers and the National Guard enforces the laws. The bureaucracy, with twisted logic, has made any mingling of the healthy with the diseased a capital offense.

This is the backdrop for the love story in Alan Bowne's short play, *Beirut.* Unlike most theater pieces relating to the AIDS crisis, the protagonists in this drama are a man and a woman. Homosexuality and drug use are no part of this picture.

Blue (Nadja Kennedy), a Negative, flees the repression of the outside world to track down her incarcerated and infected lover Torch (Angelo Pagan). She risks death as she slips through a skylight and into his compound, to the accompanying roaring splutter of a police chopper with its blinding search lights. Once inside she settles into the business of seducing Torch, who writhes on his lonely cot in the sweltering summer heat.

Blue cashes in a "safe" existence for one in which "life and death are joined at the hip."

Bowne's raunchy little play, loaded with big city, shoot-from-the-groin gutter language, holds our attention for its short duration—about an hour—a lot of which has to do with sex...to have it or not to have it. As soon as Blue appears, she sheds her shapeless, sexless civvies and gets down...to her skimpy black bra and panties.

In this battle of the seduction, Blue shifts from sex kitten to aggressive shrew as she attempts to goad Torch into bed. On the way to his inevitable fade-out seduction, the befuddled Torch seems like an overgrown Dead End kid.

While the couple's comedic little apaché dance does entertain, it also detracts from the drama's larger theme: the place of physical love in a world where such love leads ultimately to death.

Worth mentioning is Sara Heckelman's brilliant cameo as a National Guardswoman cum dominatrix.

Under the fluent direction of Bill English, who also designed the oppresive concentration camp set, *Beirut* is thought-provoking, even if it does not pierce the heart.

Genesius Theatre Company's production of *Beirut* plays through October 28 at Somar Theatre, 934 Brannan Street. Call 391-8778.

Buddy

REVIEWED BY GENE PRICE

There's not a lot to say about *Buddy...The Buddy Holly Story* because when Buddy's not singing, there's not much happening.

But first the good news. If you like Holly's music, you'll love *Buddy.* There are 33 songs and at least eight of them were major hits: "That'll Be the Day" (a Top Ten million seller), "Blue Days, Black Nights" (his first recording, 1956), "Peggy Sue," "Why Do Fools Fall in Love?" "Johnny B. Goode," "Chantilly Lace" and "La Bamba." My favorite was a song I'd never heard before, a beautifully sung ballad called "Raining in My Heart." Musically, this Broadway-bound show is a nostalgic trip down memory lane to the Golden Age of Rock & Roll.

The other good news: Paul Hipp as Buddy is really fine. An ingratiating, natural performer, he sings with a sweet huskiness, beats the hell out of his guitar, and manages to rise above the corny lines he's required to recite. (He won a Laurence Olivier Award nomination for outstanding performance in a musical when *Buddy* played London.)

Now we come to the script. If you've seen any of those rags-to-fame-to-riches movies of the forties and fifties, you've seen this story and heard the dialogue. As written by Alan Janes, the script is a series of scenes leading up to the big second act setpiece that purportedly recreates the final concert at Clearlake, Iowa—the night Holly died at 22, in a plane crash along with Ritchie Valens and J.P. Richardson (The Big Bopper).

A number of scenes are introduced by a (Greek?) chorus of radio DJs. Remember in the old movies when pages used to fly off a calendar as the train sped toward New York and fame? You got the picture. From Holly's hometown of Lubbock, Texas, we are transported to the small-town recording studio of Hipockets Duncan who takes Holly and The Crickets under his managerial wing. Then it's off to Nashville, to the Apollo Theatre in Harlem (the booking agent assumed they were Black), and to a New York recording studio. Within minutes our hero tells receptionist Maria Elena he's going to marry her. And, by gum, he does. Are you sure this wasn't the plot of an old Elvis movie?

In Act II, apropos of nothing at all, wife Elena Maria tells Holly she has had a dream about an explosion in the sky and she begs him not to fly. This bit of dramatic foreshadowing is about as subtle as a blob of chocolate ice cream on a clean white shirt.

Now it's the big concert. But first we have to sit through the Clearlake MC's corny introductory remarks and The National Anthem as sung by a Miss Clearlake Somebody-or-other. (If the latter is supposed to satirize small town talent, I think it's a rather tasteless dud.) This historic concert—as presented onstage at the Golden Gate Theatre—is considerably augmented from the actual 1959 concert. In addition to the five Snowbirds, there are 10 backup singers and 10 onstage musicians. The big band sound, by the way, is terrific. It's a fine concert. Philip Anthony as Ritchie Valens and David Mucci as The Big Bopper add considerably to the re-recreation of that final concert.

Buddy plays the Golden Gate Theatre through October 14. All ticket outlets or call 243-9001.

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Privilege

Privilege

REVIEWED BY RANDY TUROFF

The San Francisco Cinematheque has been presenting a six-week retrospective of films by cinematographer Yvonne Rainer. Rainer is a Bay Area filmmaker who spent a good deal of her time in N.Y.C. during the '60s and '70s making it both as an experimental filmmaker and as a choreographer. The current retrospective comes on the heels of her recent claim to the MacArthur Lifetime Achievement Award at the age of 56. Her latest film, *Privilege*, is about the mid-life passage through menopause which is presented as a multi-leveled journey in female consciousness. She uses the notion of menopause as a cultural metaphor for diving into a profound exploration of our dysfunctional society. She sees menopausal women as a discriminated-against minority, relegated to that twilight zone on "the other side of privilege."

The plot device used to transport her middle-aged white liberal protagonist into the zone of gender/racial discrimination is flashback. We are led through a "hot flash" back into this woman's life when she was a young dancer and living on the Lower East Side, revealing an experience from that time which she had kept secret for 25 years. The re-evaluation and reconstruction from the point of view of political and physical maturity comes to us as dialogue between the white protagonist and her friend, a female Black filmmaker. They perform their thoughts, as an interchange staged as an interview. To add to the complexity of the interview which digresses into storytelling, other characters who appear in Jenny's story also voice their opinions about events which are unfolding in the narrative. The opinions, divergent points of view from different perspectives of race, class and gender, punctuate Jenny's reconstruction of her story about an alleged rape. The layers are thickened as Rainer also interjects her own personal insights

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Can You See Me Flying

REVIEWED BY RANDY TUROFF

Coming directly to us from the Bay Area women's community is Fawn Yacker's new film, *Can You See Me Flying*. The 30-minute video documentary is a tribute to Terry Sendgraff, a remarkable performance artist, choreographer and teacher, and creator of the Motivity school of movement. Not exactly dance, Motivity is a unique style of exploring space using low-flying multi-leveled trapezes. Motivity is also a kind of gymnastic therapy involving a good deal of improvisation focusing on individual body awareness and group interconnection. The film contains some wonderful footage of women flying, spinning, and dancing through the air. But mainly, the film is about Terry Sendgraff and her life both as an artist and as an inspirational person to those who have known her.

Formerly trained in ballet, modern dance, T'ai Chi and gymnastics, it wasn't until the age of 41 that Sendgraff hit her stride by finding her own dance, her own form and her own bliss as a performance artist. She found Motivity to be that perfect vehicle not only for movement, exercise and artistic expression, but also and primarily for personal growth and transformation. She began performing every Sunday for a year, and the film shows us stills from some of these works, including the performance at the San Francisco Zoo with Sendgraff looking out from behind the cage at a rather bewildered crowd of spectators. To date, she's done over 300 performances, some scored, some formal and choreographed, and some improvisational.

But what the film really shows us of Sendgraff is an "older" woman whose strength, grace, artistry and beauty have not at all diminished with time. In fact, Sendgraff has been undeterred in following her vision, despite age and illness. She tells us that only now does she really understand what her life means to her. It's about enjoyment of each day, honesty, and befriending oneself as well as connecting with others.

A decade ago, Sendgraff discovered she had breast cancer. She was in a state of disbelief. For someone who had been so aware of her body and so conscious of her vitality, it came as a total shock and affront to her being. Eight

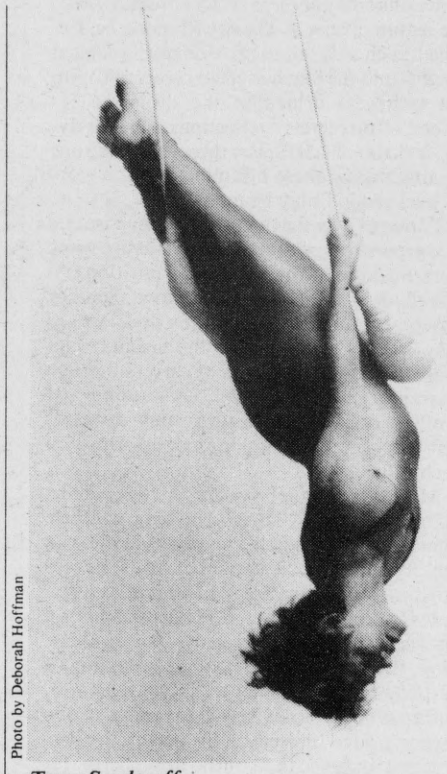


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Terry Sendgraff

months after the mastectomy, Sendgraff was back on the trapeze and performing joyously and skillfully again. Then she was struck with a recurrence, four years later. Sendgraff overcame this second bout of cancer and gave a bravura performance.

Filmed in her performance of the 1988 piece called "Hovering," we see Sendgraff alone in a red space swinging like a spider from a thread. Performing in the nude, we see her marvelously athletic, muscular and graceful body move up and down the cord. Demystifying her mastectomy, Sendgraff, centered in her strength, embodies the image of female power incarnate. From powerlessness over the disease to the empowerment of her being, Sendgraff continues the Amazon tradition, a warrior of life.

Can You See Me Flying, directed by Fawn Yacker with original music by Gwen Jones and Kayla Kirsch, will be shown both at the upcoming Mill Valley Film Festival and at the Film Arts Foundation Festival. It can also be seen on KQED, Channel 9, on October 26.



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Maria's Story

REVIEWED BY RANDY TUROFF

Maria's Story is opening at the Mill Valley Film Festival on October 8 and will also be playing in San Francisco as part of the Film Arts Foundation Festival on November 4, at the Roxie. This hour-long documentary about Maria Serrano of El Salvador is exquisitely simple. It's an emotionally powerful film which communicates from the heart.

Maria Serrano is a 39-year-old Salvadoran peasant, mother, wife and rebel organizer. She has spent over a decade living and working as a resistance leader in the hills of northern El Salvador after having fled from the village of her birth. The ninth of ten children growing up in poverty in the home of her widowed mother, Maria learned at an early age how to overcome the obstacles of life. Her warm personality, her love of life and her straight-forward understanding of what must be done at any given time makes her an engaging and accessible figure. Her inevitable decision to join the F.M.L.N. guerrillas up in the mountains translates clearly as a necessity for personal survival, as well as a political strategy for the liberation of her compatriots.

Filmmaker Pamela Cohen first met Maria



Serrano in 1985 when Cohen went to El Salvador with a human rights delegation. Serrano was one of their guides. Cohen had been involved previously with other films on El Salvador, but after meeting Maria, she knew this film would be different. In an interview in the *L.A. Times*, Cohen explained: "*Maria's Story* is the story of a woman. It reflects her life, her experiences, her beliefs. It is the portrait of a person whose voice is violently cen-

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Postcards from The Edge

REVIEWED BY GENE PRICE

Most Hollywood mother-and-daughter films are either four-hanky valentines (*Stella Dallas* and *Terms of Endearment*) or gothic horrors (*Mommie Dearest*). But *Postcards from the Edge* director Mike Nichols will have none of that. He pits Old Hollywood against New Hollywood and it's a kick in the pants.

Carrie Fisher (Princess Lea to her sci-fi fans, otherwise daughter of Debbie Reynolds and Eddie Fisher), has penned an incisive, witty screenplay about two competitive career woman. Meryl Streep plays the daughter, Suzanne Vale, a not very talented movie actress who has grown up in the shadow of her famous musical comedy star mother, Doris Mann (Shirley MacLaine). Their confrontational dialogue is sassy, rapid-fire, and overlapping. When they talk, they both talk at once. Neither listens.

Slightly over-the-hill Doris sees herself as her daughter's best friend. Suzanne doesn't see herself at all. She's too spaced out on drugs and easy sex to remember whose bed she was in last night and how she has ended up in a hospital having her stomach pumped.

Paroled by her producer into the care of her alcoholic mother, Suzanne moves back home. But it's an uneasy truce. Recalling her teenage birthday party, Suzanne reminds her mother how she ruined the party when she lifted her dress to her waist in front of her teenage friends.

"It just whirled up," Doris smiles.

"Yes, but you weren't wearing any pants," Suzanne reminds her.

The bitchy banter is well balanced with some delicious sight gag. Preparing a health drink in the blender, Doris ladles in gobs of yogurt and fresh fruit and a cup or so of vodka.

"How'd you like to have Joan Crawford for a mother?" she asks. "Or Lana Turner?" The question doesn't call for an answer.

Doris' first act of welcome home is to throw a big party for Suzanne. Cajoled by Mama to perform, Suzanne timidly warbles a number and then finds herself upstaged by old pro Doris who takes over the spotlight to belt "I'm Still Here." Almost against her will, Suzanne's eyes shift from embarrassment to admiration.

But this is also a movie about Hollywood and movie-making, and we're treated to some fine satiric on-the-set scenes. We aren't given many clues about the film Suzanne is making, but when she's not stomping around in a policewoman's uniform, she's hanging from tall buildings or being tied up to a cactus in the desert.

Director Nichols has pulled out all the stops in casting minor roles. There are a couple of sleazy, bumbling producers, a couple of costumers who discuss Suzanne as though she were a piece of meat; a caring director (Gene Hackman), a free-and-easy bit actor (a knock-out cameo by Annette Bening).

Dennis Quaid is the sexually-addicted stud producer whom Suzanne dates and dumps; C.C.H. Pounder is her roommate in the rehab clinic; Mary Wickes is Grandma who may be living in Hollywood but her head is still back on the farm.

Richard Dreyfuss is the shy doctor who earlier pumped Suzanne's stomach and in a later casual meeting asks her for a date. She declines, but from the look in her eyes we know the next time he asks, it'll be a Yes.

In a revealing scene of role reversal, Suzanne rushes to the hospital where slightly soused Doris is being treated after wrecking her car. It's the first time we've seen Doris without her makeup and wig and it's not a pretty sight. Suzanne matter-of-factly begins to make up her mother's face, glues on lashes, paints her brows, fashions a turban from a scarf to hide the sparse hair, and sends her out to greet the gathered press.



Postcards from the Edge

Postcards ends with the big finish of the film Suzanne has been making. Inexplicably out of her butch uniform, she's now into country and western getup and she belts—really belts—"I'm Checking Out," backed by the Blue Rodeo Band. Doris is in the background looking mighty proud. Music up. Fade out. Credits roll. Loud applause.

Postcards is slick and a lot of fun. Catch it at the Northpoint, Century Plaza and Galaxy.

Maria...

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sored in her own country, and whose story never makes it into U.S. media coverage ... We wanted to put a human face on the war and get past the stereotype of people lurking in the hills."

So in December 1988, Pamela Cohen, co-director Monona Wali and cameraman John Knoop joined Maria in the province of Chalatenango and filmed the day-to-day life of Maria Serrano, which included a harrowing escape from mortar attack and hiking many miles through the dense vegetation looking for safe camp before the next offensive.

Maria's Story is presented as a heroic account of a rather humble woman caught in the midst of a civil war. When the national guards and the government security forces came into her town and went after everyone, including those who were not political, Maria was forced with other villagers to flee. The guerrillas who were already in the hills offered protection, as well as organization for basic survival. The villagers who had been forced by the government to work on plantations because they were prohibited from owning or working their own land, had demanded a cut of food from the landowners for their labor, as well as a raise for living wages. Labeling them leftists, the government sent in armies to wipe out the insurrection. People were tortured and civilians were massacred by their own countrymen.

When Maria realized that this was a war, she decided she would learn to fight. She learned from the guerrillas how to use a gun and how to use her strength of mind to fight for what she believes is basic human justice. Serrano has been living on the run, up in the mountains with members of her family for over a decade.

The film follows the band of fugitives, an unlikely army full of middle-aged mothers and 11-year-old-soldiers, along with more seasoned guerrillas in their struggle to resist the right-wing military and to organize new communities within the F.M.L.N.-protected territories. Many of the top organizers are women. Maria is a recognized leader in the guerrilla movement for social as well as

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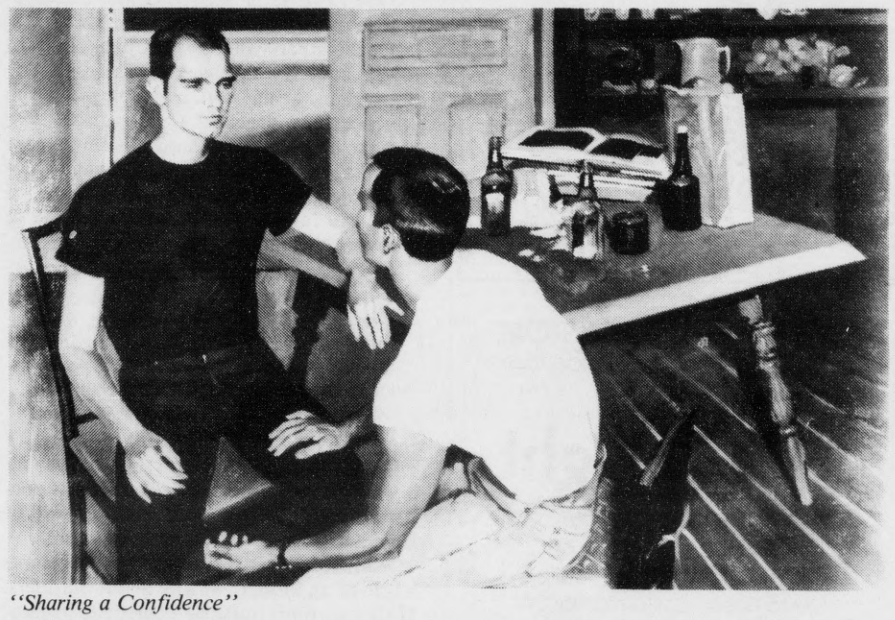
Randall Lake: Welcome to San Francisco

REVIEWED BY TOM W. KELLY

San Francisco art lovers! Open your arms to welcome a new resident and incredibly talented painter: Randall Lake. Currently exhibiting 55 of his most recent paintings at the quiet and comfortable John Pence Gallery, Lake brings with him an education in classical forms as well as a startling flair for color, tension and an occasional subtle sense of humor.

Lake is an extremely handsome and gracious man expecting many changes in his life and work. As a gay man living in Salt Lake City, he can no longer tolerate life in the closet. Therefore, he's getting a divorce and moving to San Francisco. A familiar story?

Lake's work is becoming more and more political and personal, including a recent painting of a PWA on his death bed titled "A Silent War." The reaction in Salt Lake City to an "AIDS-related" painting was fairly compassionate, though several residents conjectured that he must have AIDS because of his interest in the subject. His "Sharing a Confidence" is an intimate look at two men involved in a very personal moment: the disclosure of one's HIV-positive status. One man touches the other man's knee. This painting was sent directly to San Francisco, not to be viewed by neighbors and residents of his now-former home. The somewhat stifling "moral" climate, coupled with the fact that Lake is spending more and more time putting up shows in San Francisco (including five one-man shows with the John Pence Gallery), has culminated in his relocation. Utah's loss is definitely our gain.



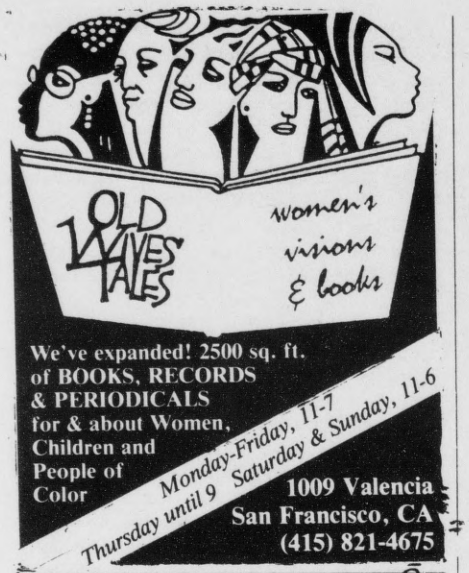
"Sharing a Confidence"

And what an artist! Lake uses the techniques and skills garnered from a classical training (he lived and taught in Paris for three years) to create works that are fresh to today's viewers. The subjects for this current Pence exhibit range wildly, including still lifes, florals, landscapes and figures. But by no means a slave to the influence of the classic painters of the late 19th century, Lake takes a twist here and a liberty there. Most notable again and again is his surprising use of brilliant colors, transforming what could have been a lesser artist's passive still life into a captivating breath of fresh air. His red-and-orange "Zinnias" leap like flames from the canvas.

Also welcome are Lake's occasional creations exemplifying his tongue-in-cheek sense of humor and irony. "Freshly Caught" is a still life of several vibrantly luminescent fish that also includes a cooking pot and two lemons. And sure to bring a smile is "The Marquise de Pompadour Meets the Bauhaus," featuring two chairs: a Louis XVI antique disapprovingly facing an extremely modern one. The overall effect of Lake's versatility, talent and sense of excellence is truly awe-inspiring.

The John Pence Gallery is quietly nestled on Post between Eddy and Jones. After being buzzed in, visitors are treated to a near-downtown oasis, subtly lit and with pleasant classical music playing just within earshot. Comfortable viewing benches are available to sit and ponder a painting and/or a purchase. If you're lucky, you'll meet John Pence himself, who's willing and able to answer any questions regarding both art and artist. Whether or not you buy one of Lake's paintings (a definite investment), you'll be richer for the experience of viewing such exquisite art.

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BOOKS

Places I've Never Been

By David Leavitt
Viking Penguin, N.Y., 1990

REVIEWED BY BO HUSTON

David Leavitt's new collection of short stories, *Places I've Never Been,* is a definitive example of bourgeois writing. This does not only refer to the author's class and race—upper-middle and white; I use the word bourgeois in regard to the text itself, an authoritative, teaching tone, by definition terribly limited. Leavitt is above us, explaining, delivering truth to his readers.

He owes something to other *New Yorker*-type writers—Salinger, Capote and particularly John Cheever whom he has studied—and carries on their tradition in subject and style; but where Cheever had heart and insight and irony, Leavitt is sadly surface and pat.

These are cozy stories, ones friends might tell while sitting around the college dorm room sharing wine (not quaaludes, wine). They drool with pathos and unrestrained sentimentality.

The title story is told from the point of view of a young woman named Celia. What formed Leavitt's decision in choosing a woman's voice for this unmemorable tale is not clear—but throughout the collection, there is too little distinction between the characters' voices: the dog groomer and the realtor and the attorney all speak alike. This is another quality of bourgeois writing, that it is all filtered through David Leavitt's limited ear.

Places I've Never Been ostensibly examines the relationship between Celia and her old college pal Nathan, who is gay. Chaos seems to follow poor Nathan wherever he goes. She trails around behind him, miserably picking up the pieces, unappreciated. Celia gradually does begin to understand the nature of her love for him, that he is unattainable, and what it is doing to her. (Basically, she discovers she's a plain, old fag-hag.) Nathan's great *angst* of course is his fear of sex in the age of AIDS.

> "You know," he said after a while, "it's not the sex, really. That's not what I regret missing. It's just that—Do you realize, Celia, I've never been in love? Never once in my life have I actually been in love?" And he looked at me very earnestly, not knowing, not having the slightest idea, that once again he was counting me for nothing.

This tedious opening story, like many in the book, seems to insist that if one reflects ponderously and long enough, meaning will be found.

With many of these stories, Leavitt assumes a role of an insider, writing about outsiders. He is sometimes titillated, sometimes irritated about sex and sexuality. In *AYOR,* he offers a portrait of Craig, a college chum—this book is full of college chums—who goes on to live the high, wild life, introducing the wide-eyed narrator to all manner of scandalous, dangerous sexual people, places and things in Paris.

> I remember how the French men—so exotic-looking to me, with their thick syrupy smell of *parfum* and cigarettes, their shirts open to the waist, their dark skin, thin lips, huge black eyes—tried so hard to sing along with Eartha Kitt, though they didn't understand anything she was saying. Drunk and in love with themselves, they howled animalistically some rough approximation of the song. They made out in pairs and trios on the fringes of the dance floor. They were joyous in their collectivity. And why not? *"Le SIDA"* hadn't caught up with them yet. It was the first time in my life and the only place in the world where I have ever been able to imagine sex with a man without feeling fear or guilt. Instead, I imagined the prospect of adventure, celebration. I could taste it on my lips.

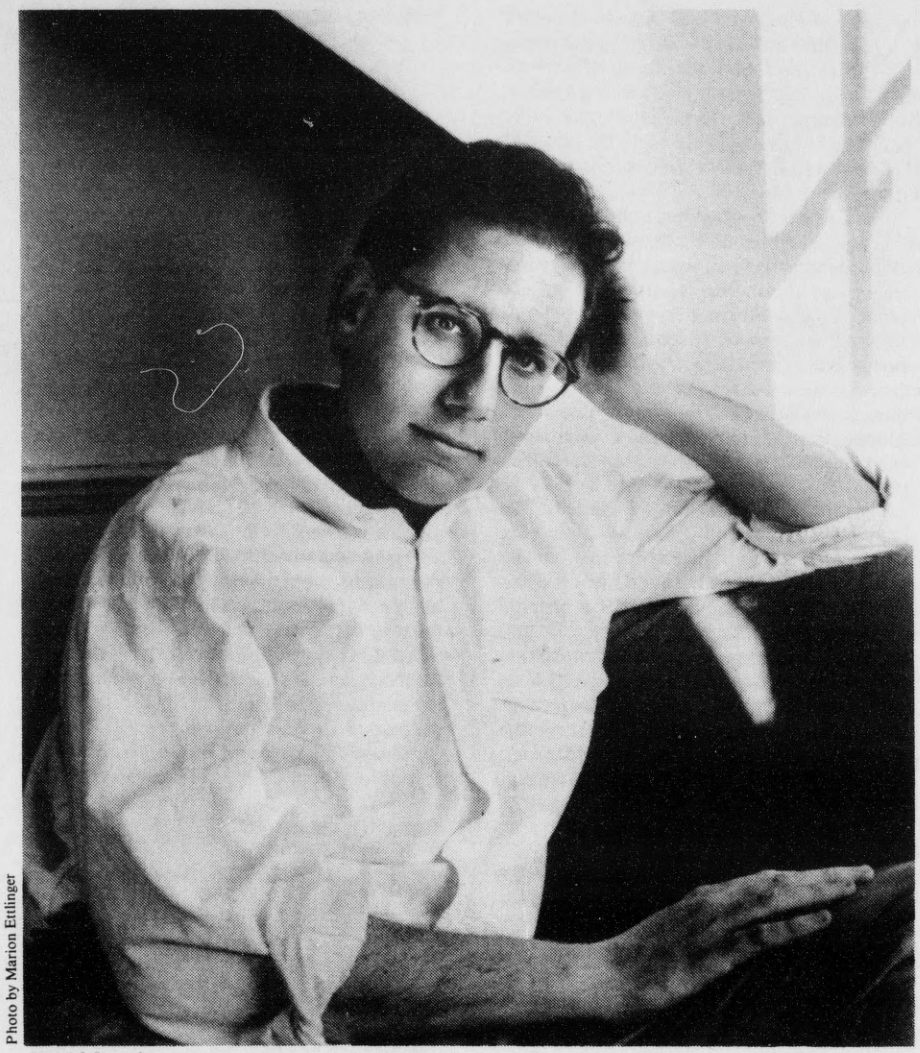


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David Leavitt

Now, aside from the facts that this is not a very well-written passage and the description of French men and their "animalistic" behavior is rather trite, it exactly illustrates a removed, precious, parochial tone that Leavitt has cultivated through his career, and his sex-fear-guilt association, though pervasive, is unexplored, unchallenged.

Leavitt is a smart man and a competent, though not beautiful, writer. He was successful early—publishing a short story with a gay theme in *The New Yorker* at age twenty. Gay reviewers have often been harsh and demanding, expecting him to represent "us," for somehow he manages to hold the rare role of a major contemporary writer being published by mainstream journals and companies who is openly homosexual. For me, Leavitt's fiction has never represented my vision and experience of gay life or my take on gay politics. But that is irrelevant. I'm not disappointed by this collection because I want David Leavitt to speak *for* me. I'm disappointed because I want writers of fiction to speak to me, about me, about terror, magic, dreams, life.

Leavitt offers broad, cursory examinations of his material; it is as though he's afraid to get too close. *Gravity* tells of Theo, a man with AIDS, and his mother Sylvia. The dialogue and the description of the moment when Sylvia engages in a strange test of her son are well-drawn, compelling; but Leavitt's lecturer-style takes over, giddy with profundity, wrapping it all up, diffusing its power completely. *My Marriage To Vengeance* is again written from the point of view of a female narrator, Ellen, a lesbian who has to cope with the wedding of her former lover, Diana. We are forced to share Ellen's artificial, predictable introspection, and then we are told—not by Ellen, but by David Leavitt—the meaning of it all.

With the two last pieces, the comic *Chips Is Here* and *Road to Rome,* his elegant exploration of a twisted Italian family, Leavitt scratches at his cool, frightened surface, at least edges toward some risk, some depth; but when he nears the edge, he hops in his Volvo or whatever and zooms back to Long Island.

David Leavitt is an important writer, and that I see his work as ranging from lazy to despicable does not account for the esteem in which he's held by his audience—both gay and straight. Leavitt's voice is listened to. For me, finally, that voice is too exquisite, too studied, too safe.

Bisexuality: A Reader and Sourcebook

Edited by Thomas Geller
Times Change Press, 1990, $10.95

REVIEWED BY GRETA CHRISTINA

feel like I should be more excited about this book than I am. For quite some time now, I've noticed a serious lack of writing, especially of good writing, on the subject of bisexuality. Much of what has been written

comes from hetero pyschologists, sociologists, and other so-called "experts," whose work is patronizing at best and misinformed and insulting at worst. Writings by bisexuals themselves, speaking from and about their own experience, have been few and far between.

Bisexuality: A Reader and Sourcebook is definitely a welcome sight: an anthology of work about bisexuality, written primarily by bisexuals and edited by yet another of those notorious B-word types. It does fill a void, a need that has been largely ignored and, until recently, only sporadically addressed. And the book is certainly well-written and well-thought out. The collection of writings (most of which have been previously published) covers an extremely varied range of topics and ideas: the history of the bisexual movement, androgyny and transgenderism, fighting bigotry and misinformation about bi's, the essentialist-constructionist debate, being bisexual and disabled. Like the bisexual community itself, it is a diverse book, especially given its limited amount of space.

However... (You knew I was going to say that, didn't you?) the book has a heavy emphasis on political, academic, and scholarly-type writing, which makes for a pretty dry read. Now, I certainly don't have any objection to this kind of writing. I like it, in fact, and the analytical writing in this book is for the most part intelligent and excellent. But there is such a need among bisexuals for storytelling, for catharsis, even for just plain bitching, and the absence of this kind of writing feels like a serious flaw. Geller does perceive this need and tries to address it. Unfortunately, although he clearly intends, as he states in his introduction, to "keep a balance between the personal type of article and the more technical, academic, or political," the attempt isn't very successful. There are a fair number of personal-experience writings, but even they tend to be somewhat detached and cerebral. The writers speak of anger and joy and passion, but only rarely did I experience and share these feelings while reading about them.

To be fair, though, one of the strongest sections of the book is one that you probably wouldn't sit and thumb through for an evening's entertainment and catharsis, anyway: the resource guide, which at 63 pages takes up a full third of the book. It lists bisexual special-interest and support groups around the country (around the world, in fact) and gives advice on locating groups that will have formed since the book went to press. It cites periodicals, films, and plays that deal with bisexual issues. And it provides the most thorough bibliography of writings on bisexuality that I've seen to this date. It may be weak in the area of storytelling and sensibility; but as a reference work, it's unparalleled.

It's also a particularly well-made, well-designed book. Normally, I wouldn't even mention this. I always feel a little silly when this affects my opinion of a book; as if my judgment should be based purely on the words and ideas within, unsullied by the look and feel of it. The bottom line, however, is that it does have an effect, and the effect of this book is quite good: thin and square, a comfortable fit in the hands, clear spacious type that's easy and pleasant to read. Maybe this shouldn't make a difference, but it does.

Perhaps I'm being too harsh. In a more perfect world, there would already be dozens and dozens and dozens of books by, for, and about bisexuals. There would be deeply moving essays of personal revelation, psycho/socio/sexual treatises, cheap romance novels, esoteric intellectual philosophy, bad poetry, good fiction, moronic joke books, radical political analysis, etc.; and the fact that this particular book is missing something wouldn't particularly matter. I did like the book, and do recommend it to bisexuals, allies, and anyone who just wants to learn more about the subject. It might be best to take my criticism of it not as a grievance against the book, but as a call to arms.



Illustration by Andrea Kassof

Secret Matter

By Toby Johnson
Lavender Press, 1990, $10.00

REVIEWED BY MARK MASSI

oses went to the top of the mountain where he prayed for guidance and spoke with God. His people needed direction and structure in their lives, he argued. After all, these simple folk were former slaves of Egypt and tasting personal freedom for the first time might lead them astray from fulfilling God's purpose. As if to prove his point, when Moses descended the mountain and set foot upon the dusty plain, there were his people dancing with mad abandon, sweat trickling down their sinewy bodies, their voices raised in Pagan song, one and all basking in the golden hue of a graven image.

We as frail human beings are always succumbing to the worship of graven images: sex, drugs and platinum credit cards. We can never decide if we want to be "good" or we want to be "happy." This has been our philosophical plight, our yin and yang, and is the root cause of Adam's original sin committed in the cool shade of the apple tree. No longer could we loll about in our naked innocence, secure in the loving arms of the universe. We had disobeyed God, and He cast us out from His garden. Henceforth, we would hide our terrible shame from each other.

But have you ever wondered what our world might be like without the serpent's temptation of Eve, without the vengeful God of the Old Testament testing and refining the human spirit across the desert of historical time? Toby Johnson has thought about this possible world, this Eden without taint, and has fashioned a story in *Secret Matter* that shows us how we might have lived and loved if we hadn't also needed to fear and hate one another.

Secret Matter has been called "Utopian science fiction" because it posits an alternate Earth world of angelic innocence, parallel to our Earth, where sin and shame are unknown because they are biological impossibilities. It is a world where Moses the Great Emancipator, the Law Giver, would cease to exist. *Secret Matter* could also be called a New Age novel, because it sketches a world of new spiritual dimensions where love and celebration take precedence over toil and labor. On still another level, *Secret Matter* is a love story and a coming out novel. Suprisingly, the book succeeds rather well under any of these possible definitions.

The story takes place in San Francisco after the "Big One" in the year 1997. The major earthquake has relieved the stress on the fault and the city is safe for another hundred years. They have begun to rebuild. Kevin Anderson has graduated from Harvard University with a degree in architecture and has been hired by a San Francisco firm as an intern to help with the reconstruction of the city. At the same time, humanoid Visitors have come to Earth in their spaceships and wish to set up embassies. Kevin is elected to assist in choosing and designing the San Francisco location. While researching the site he meets a golden-haired, golden-eyed Visitor called Belwyn Tuarul. Their loving relationship not only heals Kevin's fears and shame of being gay, but, as in much pop science fiction, ends up saving the planet.

The only difficulties I had with *Secret Matter* were with the story itself and not the writing or the great idea that fuels it. Kevin's inability to accept and acknowledge his homosexuality quickly begins to irritate. Not until well into the narrative is there is evidence put forward to justify his fear of being discovered gay. In fact, all evidence up to this point is to the contrary.

Also, I've read enough science fiction to know that it is not unusual for the main character to meet and hang out with the President of the United States or some equally important figure. In *Secret Matter,* not only do Kevin and President Arnold luncheon together, but they get shot at by homophobic, alien-hating fundamentalists...just before they teleport out of danger to save the world.

This criticism is simply to remind you that *Secret Matter* is a sci-fi story of not much greater quality or complexity than the average gay novel. What hooked me and kept me fascinated to the end was Mr. Johnson's ability to knit into the story his personal revelations about love, honesty, trust, all the great virtues we strive to embody, without dropping a stitch. It never becomes maudlin or sentimental. His skill and intelligence as a thinking writer allows Kevin's final acceptance of himself to have the proper spiritual dimensions it deserves.

That's what makes *Secret Matter* so special. Because the spirit really does triumph, the world truly is saved and everyone can finally live happily ever after. When was the last time you believed that possibility?

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Out of Time

By Paula Martinac
The Seal Press, 1990, $9.95

REVIEWED BY LORI UBELL

When I was twelve or so, I had this persistent fantasy of traveling back in time. Not very far back; just to the beginning of this century, or the end of the last. In my budding lesbian imagination, I chained myself to the White House steps for women's suffrage. Envisioning my fellow suffragettes in loving detail, I dreamed of an all-female army fighting for truth, justice and the American way.

So when I read the blurb on the back cover of *Out of Time*, I was thrilled. The heroine, Susan Van Dine, in a "thoughtful novel about history, love and the persistence of passion," finds an old scrapbook from the 1920s, and is haunted by the four lesbians whose memories it contains. She becomes so obsessed with the "Gang," as she calls them, that she quits graduate school, gets a job in a second-hand shop, and devotes most of her spare time to tracking down the stories of their lives.

What a great idea! But, unfortunately, what poor execution. Like many lesbian novels, this one suffers from pedestrian writing, flat characterizations, dull dialogue, muddled intent, and an overly preachy tone.

For starters, Martinac is stingy with description. We never get any idea what Susan Van Dine looks like. Physical descriptions of the other characters are skimpy as well. When Susan first finds the scrapbook, for instance, Martinac tells us she "flicked the pages over quickly, taking in the faces of four amazing women." That's it. No descriptions, no hint of what makes them so amazing.

This is no minor problem. In order for us to believe that Susan is actually being haunted by these women, we need to be able to see them as well as she does. And not only see them, but hear, smell, and touch them, too. If Martinac wants us to suspend our disbelief in the supernatural, then everything else about the story must be made more real. We must be drawn into it so subtly and gradually that we do not notice where reality ends and fantasy begins.

In this respect, the lack of sensuous detail is not the only problem. The plot, ghosts aside, is not very believable. In the first chapter, Martinac has Van Dine "steal" the scrapbook. Okay, fine. But, unbelievably, she doesn't just take it; she writes a check and leaves it for the owner. It doesn't make much sense, except that the owner needs to know Susan's address for some other plot points on down the road. That is, the motivation is plot-driven, rather than arising out of the character herself.

There are many such plot contrivances in this book, and none of them rings true. I didn't believe that Susan could conceal that she quit graduate school from her lover, Catherine, for so long, especially since Catherine is supposed to be a "minor genius." When, later on, Susan's junk shop employer is killed, we know it is just a device to allow certain things to happen. I found myself saying, "Oh, please!" a lot.

On the other hand, there is little genuine suspense. Susan is never in any danger, physical or psychological. I've always thought ghost stories should raise the hairs on the back of your neck, at least once or twice. This story is so *un*suspenseful that I actually fell asleep toward the end.

The dialogue is also problematical. Susan's voice is nearly indistinguishable from Catherine's. Granted, the longer some lesbians are together the more they sound alike, but since this is not exploited for it's comic possibilities I can only assume it to be unintentional.

One character that is exploited for comedy is Tuttie, an elderly Jewish woman whom Susan hires as a store clerk. Her voice is distinctive, all right, but unfortunately falls on the wrong side of stereotypical and ends up being an offensive caricature. Do all Jewish women over 50 have to sound like Molly Goldberg?

On the back cover, Valerie Miner praises *Out of Time* as a "rich ghost story, an intelligent mystery and a sexy lesbian romance..." Sadly, I found the mystery and romance elements no less flawed than the ghost story. Any veteran mystery reader will have the puzzle solved on page 34. The sex passages flunk the wet test, and the romance is standard lesbian fare, Susan's fling with a ghost notwithstanding.

Finally, like so many contemporary lesbian writers, Martinac cannot spare us the politically correct lectures about class, feminism, women's history, and other subjects dear to our hearts. I believe it's possible to show us these things without telling us so much about them that we feel like we're reading the textbook for Women's Studies 101.

All in all, I found *Out of Time* to be an irritating waste of *my* time. If you want a well-written ghost story with mystery and romance, then read (or even re-read) *Rebecca* by Daphne Du Maurier. Paula Martinac should have read it at least a dozen times before attempting to write this book.

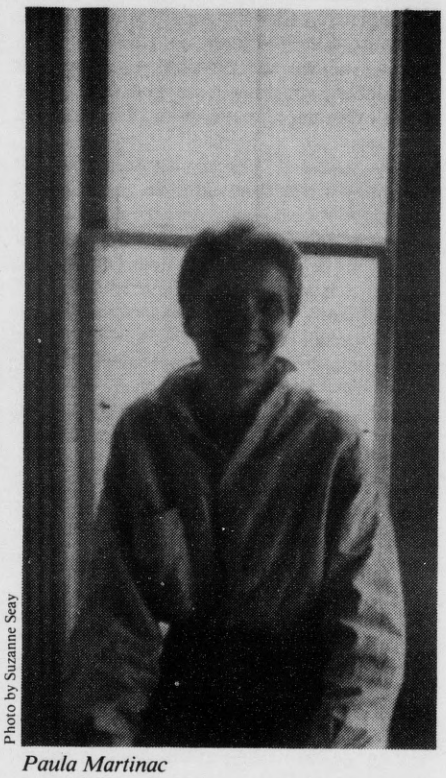
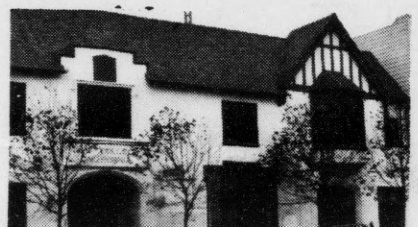


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Dancing Against the Darkness

A Journey Through America In the Age of AIDS

By Steven Petrow
Lexington Books, 1990, $18.95

REVIEWED BY TOM W. KELLY

aking the journey into Steven Petrow's *Dancing Against the Darkness* will produce as many different reactions as it has readers. Depending on your own background, *Dancing* procudes a highly personal, often difficult, experience. Along with these real-life characters you will be forced to confront issues of your own mortality and possibly that of your loved ones.

Each chapter is a self-contained testament to people whose lives have been affected by AIDS. To illustrate how far-reaching the devastation is, Petrow selected a diverse cross-section of interviewees: the Ray family whose three hemophiliac sons acquired AIDS through tainted blood transfusions; a woman who was infected through IV drug use; the wife of a secretive "perfect husband"; the parents of a teenage PWA; and many more.

The stories unfold stylistically, each most suitable to the tale at hand. The perseverance of the Ray family in the face of ignorance is revealed in a format resembling tabloid journalism (a la the *Star* or *National Enquirer*) especially popular in an area such as their hometown—redneck Arcadia, Florida. The story-telling is sensationalistic and highly descriptive, often focusing on sentimental details:

> As we walked back to the truck, Cliff suddenly became fearful, pushing the children into the back of the pickup and causing Randy to drop his ice cream and start crying. It was then that I noticed two individuals staring out of the shadows of the nearby florist shop. Later Cliff explained, "They could of had guns."

When detailing the last years in the life of Bill Cox, Pulitzer prize-winning journalist, the style becomes more distant and terse—more resembling newspaper coverage. And in recounting the life and death of a sad and lonely gay man, constant references and parallels to his story (a wide-eyed transplant from a small town in Kansas) and that of Dorothy from *The Wizard of Oz* are developed.

For readers already familiar with the life-altering consequences and the spirit-shattering devastation of AIDS, *Dancing* provides other viewpoints, inspiring tales of courage and moments of heart-lifting catharsis. But *Dancing* is also the ideal book to give soul-searching friends and family members with good intentions but who are short of actual knowledge. A glossary is even provided at the end as well as a listing of AIDS organizations. And for future generations, many more such books must be written...lest we forget.

Through inestimable patience and compassionate listening, Petrow acquired many tales of strength and courage, complete with words of wisdom directly from the loved ones of people with AIDS or from the PWA's themselves. Newspaperman Cox states simply a sentiment that prevails throughout *Dancing Against the Darkness:* I think some people will be totally spiritually broken by [AIDS] as well as physically. But I think others will come out of it in a tiny little way as markers to the fact that mankind is pretty wonderful. To me, the ultimate test is to keep your capacity for loving other people while dealing with this very scary disease.

CHATTER BOX

BY DEENA JONES

My Nightmare In 21 Days

A long overdue warm greeting to all you Chatter Box readers. I guess those of you who don't know me personally have wondered what happened to me. Well folks, it has not been pretty. On August 1, I put my lover Jim in the hospital, and by August 21 he was dead due to being HIV+. So now here I sit, lost with a broken heart.

My column this month is dedicated to lovers who have lost their lovers due to AIDS, and to my lover James Markey. Having worked in the community for as long as I have, I have seen friends die. But losing a lover is a whole new ball game.

That Sunday when I went to see my honey, his room was empty. I ran back down to the nursing staff desk only to find out that he had been moved to CCU. When I found him and saw him with all those tubes coming from his body, I wished that I was dead. I could not believe that this was happening to us.

Two rooms down was another young man in his early 20s with AIDS. His lover sat by his bedside very quietly. We spoke and introduced ourselves to each other. We talked about my Jim and his Tom.

About 4 a.m. Monday morning I heard someone crying. Soon the nurse came by Jim's room and closed his curtains. So, me being Deena Jones, I had to know why—only to find out that Tom was dead. That is when I turned around and looked at Jim and said to myself, "My God, will Jim get out of here alive?"

When they took Tom away, I went down to see Bob, his lover. When I walked in, Bob was standing there with tears in his eyes, taking cards down from the wall. I gave him a hug and told him that I was so sorry. As Bob pulled away, he looked at me, and I will never forget what he said, "Please don't feel sorry for me, for my nightmare is over and yours is just beginning."

My thanks to Bea Roman for all of her help with Jim's family. First, they did not know he was sick, and two, that he had a lover, and then to find out that his lover was Black... (Yes, this was a nightmare!) But with Bea's help, things worked out to be OK.

In the early hours of the morning (4 a.m.) as I would sit there and hold Jim's hand, AIDS had a whole new meaning. And just think, our gay brothers and sisters go through this every day.

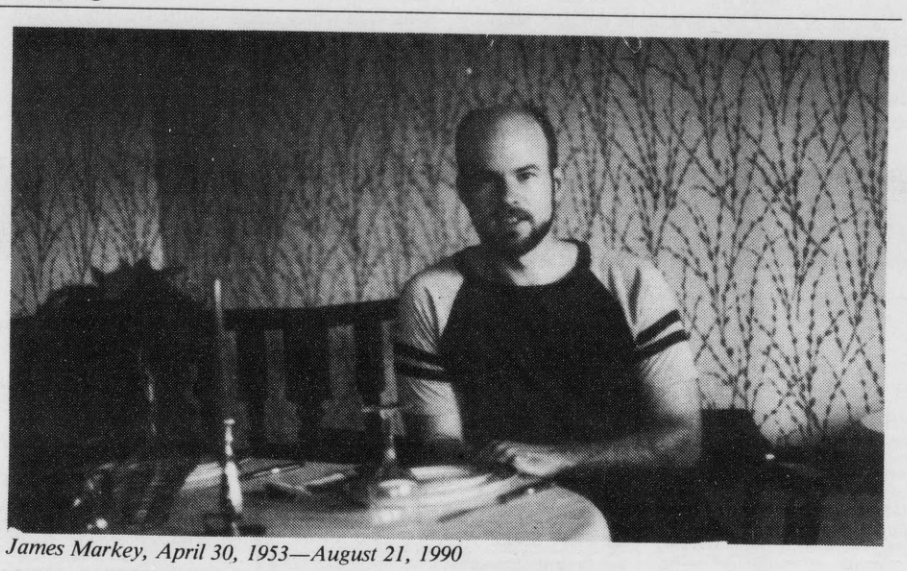
Jim was only in the hospital for 21 days, and I guess I should feel blessed that he was not sick for long, but I don't. Many lovers have been fighting for years to keep their lovers alive and being the fighter that I am I feel shorted out of that chance.

WHAT IS A GAY FAMILY?

My life has been filled with such beautiful people. I thank you all for your love and support. I remember long nights waiting and waiting and waiting. Things were not going to get better, and then comes the time when you know this, and you have to try to know that it's OK to "let go." Why do we have to let go, and why is this happening to us? These are the questions I ask of you today.

On Tuesday, August 21, I said goodbye to the man who loved me for who I am. And if that never happens again, I can thank my God for that chance to know and feel real and pure LOVE!

In the week that Jim passed away, I had six other good friends die also. To Robert Walker and Nickole Dushey, they said we will get through this. At this point I don't know, but I have you both and share your sorrow with mine.



James Markey, April 30, 1953—August 21, 1990

My honey, Jim, was the heartbeat for this column, so yes, we will go on writing. Again, to all my family and friends, thank you for your love and support in my time of sorrow.

To members of the gay community who have lost their lovers, I want to share with you a poem by Wendell Barry.

Requiem

We will see no more
the mown grass fallen
behind him on the still
ridge before night,
or hear him laughing
in the crop rows,
or know the order
of his delights!

Though the green
fields are my delight,
elegy is my fate.
I have come to be survivor
of many and of much
that I love, that I won't
live to see come again
into this world.

Things that mattered
to me once won't
matter any more,
for I have left the
safe shore where
magnificence to art
could suffice my heart.

In the day of his
work when the grace
of the world was
upon him, he made his way,
not turning back or
looking aside, light
in his stride

Now may the grace
of death be upon him,
his spirit blessed
in deep song of the
world, and the stars turning,
the seasons returning,
and long rest.

So guys and gals, that is my story for now. Life moves on and we must learn to live with death. AIDS kills, so don't let it kill you. Protect yourself.

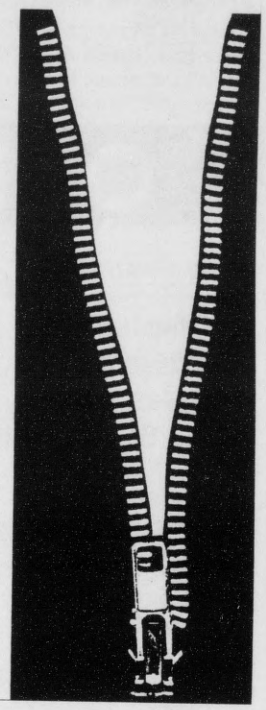
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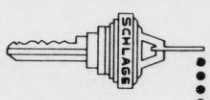
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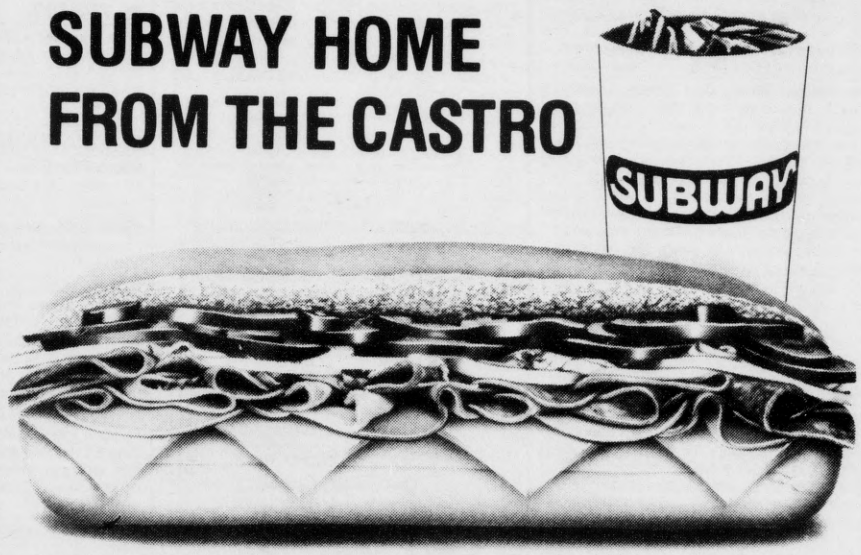
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ACT UP...

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drugs—it just can't stop there."

THE DISPOSSESSED: STUCK IN THE MIDDLE

Lost in all the politically correct rhetoric, anger and charges of inefficiency is the fact that all the people involved in the dispute all want to end the epidemic. Also lost is the fact that there are a large number of activists who are very upset over the split. Many people refused to be interviewed, saying they wanted to wait until the dust settled before they make up their mind about whether they choose to work with either of the ACT UPs or not. Jorge Cortinez of ACT UP/SF angrily declares both sides are at fault. "People are not realizing that the split happened because people wanted it to happen. I am mad because the decision was made by both groups to split up...people are not recognizing that if they wanted one single powerful AIDS activist group in the city, it would happen."

Neal Murray, a member of the People of Color caucus, says, "I am saddened that the people who have such an important issue, can't get beyond their own politics. I don't know who is in which camp—quite frankly, I have decided to give myself a month to let things cool off."

An angry Smith says he feels pressured by extremists on both sides to make an unwanted choice between treatment and broader coalition work. But, he says there may be a silver lining to the split. He argues that Jesse Dobson is skilled at pushing research and getting better drugs and more drugs more quickly available, "but he is not good at, and his job isn't making sure that when those drugs become available they are available to everybody... *however*, Deeg (Gold) is brilliant at that and that is her job. Jesse should let Deeg do her job and Deeg should let Jesse do his job." With two ACT UP's operating, that may finally happen.

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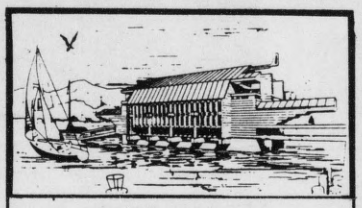
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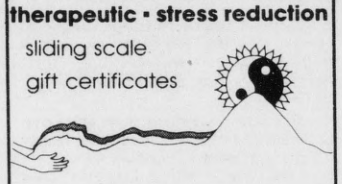
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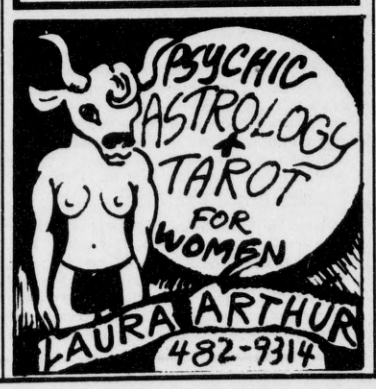
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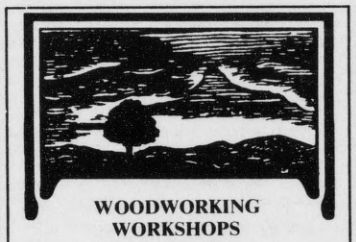
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Privilege...

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into the material as journal entries flashed straight onto the screen from her own MacIntosh script copy, which parallel, provoke and sometimes undermine the story at hand.

Rainer is a challenging filmmaker, and she never capitulates long enough to let you rest before hurling another disparate idea your way. She demands a proactive stance from her audience, setting up a situation not unlike a heated but helpful discussion between intimates. She's thought-provoking, and she keeps you alert by entering the mind through non-linear channels which activate and agitate the emotions alongside any thoughts you might be having around the material. The story is a recreated memory of interracial rape. Jenny's digression only loosely connects to the original interview questions she had started answering about menopause. Jenny's story is tied into the notion of her sexual identity, which is in turn linked to current realizations she is having about her past in terms of a deeper understanding of her own role in the face of gender and race discrimination.

Rainer exhibits a mordant kind of wit as she takes us through this discomforting journey. When, for instance, Jenny is constructing the story from her life, she is directed by Rainer to play the part of the young and naive ingenue at the peak of a sexual affair as she appears now, in the body and mind of an older woman. She is literally the wrinkled woman playing her own youth, understanding now what she didn't know then, but keeping this same persona, still secretly held and passively active for 25 years past its actual time. Growing out of old sexual identities is as much a part of menopause as giving up the rag. But, Rainer poses the question, what are the sexual identity possibilities for a woman who has reached that age where the male-identified society finds her to be unsexy and no longer desirable?

In my mind, the film never breaks through the prison it has created for itself. Rainer insists on seeing menopause through a mostly debilitating psychological stance. Desirability for Rainer always comes from the proverbial "other." In this case, the bogeyman is the straight white male power structure which makes "niggers" not only of Blacks, Puerto Ricans and lesbians, but also of any male-identified woman past her sexually desirable prime. Seeing menopause in this way seems dreadfully self-defeating. There are certainly many women I've known in their 50s, 60s, and 70s who have been enjoying a self-confident sexual identity with partners who appreciate them. Jenny, the protagonist, tells us that upon reaching menopause, her biggest realization was that men's attraction to her was always the lynch pin of her identity. It's a classic case of over-playing the victimization by believing in the monolithic and infinite power of the oppressor.

Psychoanalysis and capitalism, as the tools of the racist patriarchy, come up for major pot shots in Rainer's film. Her political concepts are nothing new, although it's always somehow reassuring to hear the anthem in the midst of war. And it's important to drum out the message in case everyone hasn't heard, and so that the reality doesn't just slip into unspeakable silence: in this country, every five minutes a woman is raped and every 10 minutes a girl is sexually molested.

What this has to do with menopause is what *Privilege* is all about. For instance, says Rainer, by age 50, 31 percent of U.S. women have had hysterectomies, paying the cost of $800 million a year in gynecological fees. She asks, why aren't men put on dangerously high doses of testosterone, like women are routinely put on estrogen? After all, men have more trouble performing sexually than do women. When the woman being interviewed tells us that when she began menopause in her 50s, her gynecologist eagerly offered to give her a hysterectomy, and told her he would like to "pull everything out but the playground," we are made aware of the horrible baseness of it all.

Ironically, the film *Privilege* would not have made much of a splash if it had stuck to the format of being a documentary on menopause. Rainer, knowing this, added the dimension which she knew would move the film into the realm of public awareness. She used that age-old hook for audience appeal: sex and the threat of violence. The twist and the brilliance of the film comes from Rainer's insistence that we see the politics and pain of rape stripped of any sort of titillation. The rape is never shown, and the profound threat of violence against women is that which the film explores. *Privilege* is just the sort of film that PBS could, but probably would never risk picking up on.

Maria...

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political change.

In Maria's own words, she fights for three basic things: food, schools and health care for all. "But now," she says, "the greatest thing is to defeat the enemy." It seems to be a formidable task, especially with the U.S. government contributing billions of dollars in support of the right-wing regime.

What's particularly engaging about Maria, besides her directness, is her ability to maintain a loving family situation within the context of war, death, and nomadic flight. We are taken into the life of Maria, married to Jose for 21 years, their two surviving teenage daughters who are active in the F.M.L.N. and the friends and extended family who constitute their "troops." Maria lives in a relentless state of war. Her brothers were all assassinated, her eldest daughter was found raped and mutilated beside a dirt road, and she and Jose who had never been apart before the attack on their village, now spend two or three months routinely separated from each other in different battle zones. Her daughters work where they are needed.

But despite all of this, Maria says, "The fighting, the dying hasn't hardened me. It's only made me more determined." She agreed to be in this film, as she says, "to explain our reality to the North American people and others." She tells us to "look at the people who are fighting: young girls, young boys, old women. It's about not having a roof over your head or enough food." Even as she speaks, the war rages on with no end in sight.

THE PERSONALS

WOMEN

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Attractive Asian Woman

Unique and genuine. Positive thinker, gifted in encouraging others to be strong and self-supporting. I'm 39, 5'2", 120, light brown/green eyes, and long, black hair. Dancing, the great outdoors, traveling, Alpine skiing are just a few of my interests. I'm inquisitive, willing to try new things. Users of any vices forget it! Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 20515, Oakland 94620-0515, or call ★★1097.

Cuddling Friends Desired

Looking for women friends who are gentle and sensitive. I love receiving and giving nurturing (nonsexual) touch and cuddling with my friends. I value vulnerability and softness and am at home in the world of feelings, illusion, beauty, poetry and art. I appreciate French films and their particular vision of life which is at once sensitive, sensual, philosophical and poetic. I adore Flamenco and Greek song. I rarely feel at home with most aspects of American culture. If you sense some similarities we may become friends. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 4513, Berkeley 94704-1513.

Getting to Know You

If a low-key, fun, autumn friendship leading to romance sounds good to you, and you are between 35 and 45, very emotionally together, unattached, secure financially, like hiking, good dinners, logs on the fire, and dancing to City Swing, live in S.F., then this ad is for you. Reply BT Box OC2.

Bottom Needs Top

Imagine you're driving your motorcycle along the ocean. The woman that has her legs wrapped around you is the softest, sweetest, sexiest and most sensual woman you know. You can barely concentrate on the road. The heavy fog gives this trip up the coast a dream-like quality. Time seems to pass effortlessly as you experience one another. When you arrive at the cabin a fire waits to warm your chilled bodies. First the gloves, then scarf, jacket... whew, it sure is getting hot...imagine. If you have an appetite send something. Reply BT Box OC3.

Mid 30's, soft butch, average looking, 120 lbs, financially and emotionally stable, loving, caring, understanding, romantic, enjoys travelling, swimming, fitness—I may say I enjoy almost everything—seeks a lasting, serious relationship, no affairs, between 30-35, under 145 lbs., emotionally and financially independent, femme only, must like kids, preferred Asian, preferred Concord, W.C., Martinez, Oakland resident. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 244, El Cerrito 94530.

Another Artist

Only an artist would understand the needs and desires of another artist. Your ideas of the world come from the vast experiences you've allowed yourself to live. Even though at times your quest for someone to understand your uniqueness has caused you pain, you don't quit because you know that one day your heart and spirit will connect with another unique heart and spirit. You give unselfishly to your relationships. But, more times than not you receive very little in return. But you don't quit because you know that one day someone will give to you unselfishly. You're very good at what you do because you seek and exemplify excellence in yourself. You're so good, in factg, that the outside world is intimidated by your brilliance. So, you dim the lights in the hope that someone of like mind will be drawn to your aura and inspired by it. You're very independent, but not so much that your pride doesn't allow you to ask for comfort...and get it. Because you care about yourself, you don't smoke, but may indulge, occasionally, in other venues of interests. You understand that the world isn't perfect and neither are people. You've invested so much time and energy into other relationships where you were the care-taker... For once, let another artist share a world where there's no need to ask for what you want or need...your spirit conveys the thoughts that mine understands. All artists receive replies. Reply BT Box OC4, or call ★★1063.

Appealing?

Stretched out in front of the fireplace after a homemade dinner, planning our next weekend getaway... something romantic? adventurous? sportsy? Care to join me? If you're like me, 35-45, on the femme side, trim, cute, witty, charming, stable, a sucker for a solid relationship and eager to let your passion find expression in bed and out... Photo appreciated. Reply BT Box OC5, or call ★★1089.

Are you ready for love?

Attractive, intelligent, androgynous, expressive, romantic, gay, white female, 35 yrs old, would like to meet other gay females with some of the same qualities for friendship or possibly more. Tired of the bar scene, ready to settle down with the right woman or just be good friends. I enjoy camping, dancing, weekend getaways and good fun. Smokers and light drinkers OK. Reply BT Box OC6, or call ★★1064.

Alright Already

Here goes: I'm tired of the single life and I'm looking. I'm health-minded, fit, responsible, attractive. Enjoy a variety of physical, outdoor activities. Love music, the movies, good food, and travel for starters. You are between 34-47, compassionate, down-to-earth, a good friend and have an intact sense of humor. You can appreciate a leisurely meal at some trendy Bay Area restaurant as well as a campfire at an out of the way campground. If you are critical, full of yourself, politically correct, a smoker or substance abuser, on the rebound, desperate, looking for a clone, or just don't think sex is that important, I'm not the girl for you. No heavy duty butch types, please. Photo appreciated and returned. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 31956, Oakland 94612.

Someone to lay down beside me...

or just go to a ballgame. E.B. lesbian 31, loves sports, Shakespeare, Star Trek, hiking, horses, music, dancing, and occasional romancing. Not looking for marriage, but not ruling it out. Miss having someone to share my time and dreams with. Take a chance on me, let's walk around the lake or root for the Niners. Reply BT Box OC7, or call ★★1065.

Just Moved Here

35, 5'5", 140, brown hair, blue eyes. Like cigarettes, golf, oceans, La Boheme, Martina, speaking French, the Mets, driving aimlessly at high speeds, business, kids, men (as friends), breakfast, vintage Bollinger (for breakfast). From reading these ads I fear I'll never be friends with any Bay Area women. Is this true? Don't send hate mail! Reply BT Box OC8.

Incurable Romantic

Last of the two true romantics (you being the other), seeking a kind, honest, considerate, gentle lady to share life's passions and pleasures, traumas and tears. Selfish, materialistic, superficial, egomaniacal, physically and/or emotionally perfect women need not apply. This 35-year-old playful Cancerian of slightly Rubenesque stature is loving and giving, warm-hearted and true. Whether silly or serious, vacillating from the sublime to the ridiculous, my actions are genuine and sincere. So if you're looking for a lifelong commitment with the woman of your dreams then maybe your search has ended. Reply BT Box OC9, or call ★★1066.

East Bay's Best!

Fun-loving, passionate, athletic woman desires dating and romance with a 40+ lady of traditional values and feminine charms. I'm enthusiastic about life, enjoy camping, hiking, long walks and talks. If your sense of humor, healthy ego and touch of elegance need a home, please reply. Reply BT Box OC10, or call ★★1090

Like to Write?

Looking for lesbians over 30 from any country who are into spirituality, emotional growth, and of course, have a sense of humor. I'm single, 41, and live on Maui. I love nature, animals, art, music, travel, other cultures and taking 100 percent responsibility for everything in my life. I am free to travel if there is a connection. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 755, Kula, Maui, Hawaii 96790-0755.

Passion, Transformation and Love

Quiet times, wild times, sharing our hearts and dreams and journeys. I want to know you. I'm late 30's, strong, emotional, warm, playful, sometimes intense. I want a long-term monogamous relationship of courage and depth. One that is cozy and secure with lots of talking, touching, intimacy and growth. I'm partial to dark hair, but open to life's surprises. Please be over 35, nonsmoker and nonsubstance abuser. Reply BT Box OC11, or call ★★1067.

Mirror, Mirror on the Stall...

where's the fairest of them all? Again I await the heart-thumping glimpses that come from the 1:1 relationship mirror. I am liking my reflection more and understand how I affect another's. I'm 49, classy, sexy, funny. I love a spiritually-directed life, monogamous sex, my friends, new friends, Mozart mysteries, sportscars. I hate manipulation, self-deception, boundary confusion. I look straight and prefer same. If interested, please reply BT Box OC12.

Incurable Romantic

My life is filled—good friends, humor, exercise, meditation, massage. However, there is still room for romantic interest. I want to date someone comfortable with her womanlyness, who wears dresses/lingerie occasionally, knows how to give/receive love, is strong enough to be gentle, between 35-45, knows what she wants, is able to express herself, likes dogs and does not have a cat. Nonsmokers, Eastbay encouraged. Reply BT Box OC13, or call ★★1068.

Cuddle Date?

Interested in cuddle dates with possible life-long commitment? I'm 50, professional, blond, soft with a playful inner child. I like quiet evenings, dog walks, cooking and long talks. Seeking strong Afro-American, mature, 12-Step recovery, nonsmoker. Reply BT Box OC14, ★★1069.

Let's Get Vulnerable

I'm seeking a special woman (35-45 yrs old) who is into self-discovery, self-nurturing, and willing to communicate with openness and honesty, share her uniqueness and potentially risk intimacy with another caring and respecting woman. I am a trim 5'7", East Bay GWF whose interests include: the great outdoors (beaches/walks/hikes/camping), concerts, theater, movies, travel, friends, long talks, quiet times. If you smoke or abuse alcohol/drugs, pass this one by. Photo appreciated. Reply BT Box OC15.

31-year-old professional woman of color from New York seeks emotionally healthy and physically fit fem lesbian to introduce her to San Francisco, 30 years or older, please. Leather and lace, no s/m. Enjoys dining, the night life, early morning hikes, shopping, cycling, and weekend getaways. Friendship, possibly more. Currently living in San Jose, willing to commute. Looking forward to meeting you. Reply BT Box OC16.

Special Girl Seeks Another

Hi! I'm a GWF in the East Bay, 25, 5'10", 140 lbs, blonde hair, blu/grn eyes. I am feminine, in good shape (I run and work out), caring, sweet, honest, attractive. I like football, pool, dancing, romantic dinners, the Far Side and modern rock. I'm looking for a real sweetheart 22-35 who's attractive, ambitious, sensitive and on the femme side. Interested? Write me. Photo and phone appreciated. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 10904, Oakland 94610, or call ★★1070.

Soulmate

Are you open and honest with your feelings, actively pursuing personal growth, open to intimacy, easily trusted? Interested in the above and much, much more. 41, with looks and laughter, I'm looking for a partner that enjoys long talks (world events, ideas, feelings, spirituality), trips, outdoors, active pursuits (walking, biking, dancing), food, books, the arts and sharing with family and friends. Tell me about yourself. Reply BT Box OC17, or call ★★1071.

Just Do It

Wanna bungi jump from a hot-air balloon? Scale the TransAmerica Building or swim the Bay at 5:30 a.m.? Then take out a life insurance policy and answer another ad. I'm a sensible, secure, hardworking lesbian in my early 40s. I've got a rough edge and a big heart. I'm looking for that someone special in their late 30s, early 40s (with a job) who wants to share a part of my life. I'm the kind who is willing to work on the things that make a relationship, but I hate overprocessing. Now, if a romantic weekend in the Wine Country, an intimate dinner at home, maybe deep sea fishing or a Saturday afternoon A's game is more your style, we've got something in common. So go on—just do it. Respond to BT Box OC18, of call ★★1072.

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Serious Fun

I'm single, 35, creative musician, living with one charming cat (East Bay). Interested in friendships, dating, lovers (?) with someone 30-40, self-actualized, clean and sober, monogamous and who is comfortable with their body. Health, intelligence, limitless sense of humor, artistic pursuits, eccentricity, spirituality, live performance and risk taking are important. No S&M and/or groupies. Reply BT Box OC20, or call ★★1075.

Not Quite 30-Something

But I look like the character "Melissa." Like her I'm creative, introspective, expressive, beautiful in an off-beat way, sometimes silly, appreciative of the aesthetic, sincere and intelligent. I'm also bi-cultural, multi-lingual, well-educated, politically progressive, professionally successful and recently coming into my own as a lesbian. I enjoy dancing, writing, reading, laughing, problem-solving, learning. I'd like to meet new women, make friends, explore love and relationships, myself, you. Reply BT Box OC21.

Strong women love flowers, too!

GWF, 35, creative, intelligent, big, strong, energetic with gentle, caring heart, would absolutely move mountains for massage, flowers, sincerity and laughter. I love sports (swimming, football, bowling, golf, discus), comedy, garage sales, travel, photography (stills/video), song writing, motorcycling (850 Suzuki), friends, pinball, outdoors, cooking; S.F. resident, work evenings, nonsmoker (OK if you do), light drink/toke. I work hard but enjoy being casual and laidback as much as possible. Would love to date women who look beyond "perfect" physical descriptions for real, emotionally satisfying possibilities. Do you enjoy quick wit, exuberance, spontaneity and like what you've read? Please introduce yourself! Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 218, Daly City 94016, or call ★★1091.

We're Gracefully Gallant Gals—

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Sensuous Woman!

GWF, 45, attractive, stable, with good sense of humor, seeks uninhibited, sensual lesbian woman for non-monogamous sexual encounters and possible friendship. SF to San Mateo only. Reply BT Box OC23, or call ★★1076.

The Good Life

Attractive, early 40s accomplished professional seeks good-looking, warm, intelligent woman who appreciates the importance of political activism as well as the joy of materialism. I'm a committed activist who also enjoys extravagant vacations and a beautiful home. Hope to meet someone who understands herself, appreciates other people, and is willing and able to have intimate relationships. I enjoy classical music, hiking, biking, and tennis but would be willing to try just about anything youre interested in. No smokers or heavy drinkers, please. Reply BT Box OC24, or call ★★1092.

"Cheers Queers"

I'm a cross between Sandra Bernhard and Joey Ramone. Stats: 26, 5'6", 125 lbs, brown-eyed beauty. Orally and tactily inclined. Am partial to Reese peanut butter cups and Hershey kisses. Enjoy being pampered, bathed, and taken out to dinner. I like children, flowers, walks on beach, poetry, dancing, and cooking. Am looking for a unique assertive woman 23-35, who is stable. Must have great sense of humor, like to travel, eco-politically aware, and enjoy socializing. Looking for a fun open relationship with a well-rounded sense of identity. Send photo (if possible) with note to Boxholder, 1442-A Walnut St., #167, Berkeley 94709.

I've got the latex if you've got the time... It feels good...Yea!

Been looking for love and found heartache. Now I'm looking for big fun...and may find love who knows. Weekends are best to get together. I like movies, biking, dancing, camping and a multitude of sensual activities. First dates I may be shy, but not for too long; especially if we find a mutual attraction. I like to tease and be teased; and if our cunts are happily excited let's do the do, girl! Can you hang! I'm 34, Black, cute, work in middle management. I don't smoke cigarettes, but I do drink. Be honest, be quick in your response. I'm beyond being ready. Reply BT Box OC25, or call ★★1077.

I have everything but enough friends.

Easygoing, laid back, 42 y.o. fat dyke transplanted back home to S.F. after 20 years in the burbs (I survived), looking for friends for daytime exploring, bargain matinees, junking, talk, walk, whatever. I'm relatively sane, often humorous, intelligent, clean and honest. Gay men and women don't be shy—all answered. What's enough? Reply BT Box OC26, or call ★★1078.

Dinner, Anyone?

Meet new friends or possibly more. We're trying to organize a casual social group of women to meet monthly at S.F. restaurants for dinner and conversation. If you enjoy fine food, stimulating conversation, and interesting women... Or at least one of the above. Drop us a line with your name and number. Reply BT Box OC27.

Curly-Haired Carpenter

Newish (and Jewish...) to area craves new connections, friends, lovers. Yes...I'm full of fire, sometimes blazing, sometimes just aglow. Wanna come to the beach with me and my dog? Reply BT Box OC28.

I've known her

since Jr. High, now it's your turn! She's a member of the Bonnie Raitt Fan Club and her hair's even redder than Bonnie's. Smart, gentle, fiery... Maybe she's your "love in the nick of time"? Reply BT Box OC29.

Jewish Armchair Radical

seeks hot sex with luscious, bossy femme. Appreciation of jazz and good food a plus, but not a necessity. Clean and sober preferred. Reply BT Box OC30.

Short of Winning the Lottery...

I find I want, need, more intimacy and love in my life. Women who attract and appeal to me are in touch with and are able to: openly express their emotions, sensuality, sexuality, intelligence, warmth of heart, sweetness, grace, femininity, joie de vivre, and humor in positive, self-authenticating ways. They maintain a balanced and healthy connection to both their inner and outer worlds. Their lifestyle reflects real and substantial commitments to: health and fitness, clarity of thought and purpose, having fun, and to being a woman who is not on any level ambivalent about loving women. They also tend to be bright, fairly well-educated (formally and informally), fair in face and coloring, feminine, slim, medium to tall in height, range in the 35-45 age category, and are willing to risk welcoming intimacy and romance into their lives. The aforementioned are not only indicative of my values and interests, but I like to think of many of my own attributes as well. I enjoy being in the country or at the beach, walks, talks, hikes, bicycle rides, films, rather eclective music sensibilities, occasional theatre, traveling, interesting people, a well-developed sense of humor, a psychological bent, and professional status. If any of this fits for you, I'd like to hear from you. Take a chance. Who knows, maybe we can enrich each other's lives and it won't matter that much if I don't win the lottery. Reply BT Box OC31.

Tired of Reading In Bed?

Petite, Jewish, 26-year-old teacher would like to meet a nice girl for sex and conversation. Of course if we like each other, we can always get married. Reply BT Box OC32, of call ★★1079.

Attractive Women Please Read

If you are desperate, addicted to anything, or overweight, skip this ad. If you are good-looking, in good shape and interesting, read on. Looking for a stable, humorous and beautiful woman to enjoy: the theatre, dining, bodybuilding, cycling and basically having fun. I'm a 26 y.o. bodybuilder who enjoys wearing dresses or jeans and boots. Most likely friendships will flourish and maybe romance. Photo returned. Reply BT Box OC33, or call ★★1093.

Damn Cute Dyke

Blonde femme, 29, funny, bright (lotsa self-confidence!), wants a date! My ideal dyke would be a soft butch with an artistic soul, quick wit and sweet, strong hands. No one-night stands or picket fences—I just want good fun with a non-smoking woman who doesn't abuse alcohol or other stuff. Brownie points: ideas, theatre, cats, popcorn and a love of old movies. Reply BT Box OC34, or call ★★1080.

All Details are Negotiable

But some of this must be true: You consider yourself an intellectual, you analyze things, you have at least two full bookcases at home, you love words and language. You've been known to say "What the hell." You have old friends, not all of whom are your exlovers. You like yourself, me, long dinners, the outdoors, flirting, and just plain playing around. It's OK if I like namby-pamby folk music. You're fit, healthy, at least 30, and free to fall in love. You've named your issues, you want the challenges and rewards of a committed relationship and you're adventurous enough to consider raising a family. Write me a letter. What the hell. Reply BT Box OC35, of call ★★1081.

Nice Girl

College sophomore, 19. I'd like to meet people for pen pals, dating, or just friendship. I prefer soft butch to femme girls/women and I'm hoping to hear from those near my age in the SF, Berkeley, and Fremont areas. I'm pretty, affectionate, and kind of weird. Interested? Please write Boxholder, P.O. Box 9229, Oakland 94613-0229, or call ★★1094.

Back to Basics

Different women seem to want such different kinds of relationships. Forget all the details, I'm looking for friends or a lover who share my basic ideals. In friendships, we value open communication, honesty, optimism, late night talks, laughter, romping around having fun, talking politics, and being there for each other. For a lover, we are looking for the same, but also want to build a long-term commitment, are secure and open about our sexuality, feel relationships are one of the most challenging and unexciting parts of life, enjoy being romantic, have fun with sex, don't abuse substances, don't want kids, and find separatism somewhat appealing. I am an androgynous, slightly-younger Chinese dyke with a secure, happy life, looking for women to share it with. Generally attracted to androgynous-to-butch women, 20-40, any race. Let's talk, meet, and see where it takes us! Reply BT Box OC36, or call ★★1095.

I'll Meet You Halfway

If you will share in the nurturing of our meeting, friendship, and much more. Deeply conscious, intelligent, truthteller, risktaking, Firesign of 36 seeks lesbians of open heart and spirit to share the Adventure of Life. Emotionally stable and

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We've Now Got The Time!
We are a growing group of "early retired" guys, bright, gregarious, humorous, nice-looking, who are seeking other "early retirees" for social activities. Let's use our free time now to meet nice people for a walk in the park, a museum exhibit, a concert or even lunch. Use your ability or "HIV disability" to fully enjoy your days and evenings in our company. Reply BT Box OC400, or call ★★1085.

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Female to Male Transsexual (Pre-Op)
or muscular, hairy and bearded woman desired by an attractive, safe, considerate, warm WM for friendship and safe cuddling, etc. Please send phone number and letter to Boxholder, P.O. Box 1456. Orinda 94563.

Repondez, s'il te plait!
Attractive, friendly BiWM, 34, with slim hips, flat stomach, and nice thighs, arms and chest seeks trim, athletic BiF or lesbian. Am HIV-negative. Photo optional, but appreciated and returned. All replies answered. P.O. Box 190402. SF 94119. or call ★★1082.

3's Not a Crowd
Couple, 37/27, looking for that special person(s) for great sex. We love it long and hard. Photo and details to Boxholder, P.O. Box 191502. SF 94119, or call ★★1083.

Treated Like Princess:
that's what is going to happen to you if you are right match for loving, zestful couple comprising bisexual WF, 31, and hetero (but bi-friendly) WM, 26. We have an excellent, 6-year, committed relationship and you could be a fully integrated part of it (full member of threesome, not "third wheel." Get 2 for the "price" of 2!! Two affectionate, playful, attractive people who want to shower you with love, tenderness, massage, romance and all-over kisses, plus plan our future together. We are enthusiastic, easygoing, enjoy humor, good communication, creativity, sensuality, joie de vivre. Some interests: hot springs, gardening, sailing, nude recreation, hiking, gourmet cooking, dancing, arts, massage, erotic literature, science fiction. Seeking vivacious, affectionate, nonsmoker with roughly comparable age and interests who, like us, thinks life is beautiful. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 12544, Berkeley 94701, or call ★★1084.

Bi Curious
Single white male, 32, clean, healthy, fit and straight with a growing hunger/curiosity, would like to meet lighthearted couple for first experience. Age and race unimportant. Reply Boxholder, 2215-R Market St., #195, SF 94114.

Are you experienced, or
have you read The Story of O, Coming to Power, Urban Aboriginals? If pain is liberating is Sadism compassion? Is SM really a search for something else? I am looking to meet other kinds of friends into dominance-submission, to talk, hang out, maybe play. Play could be nonsexual, would always be safe. You are female, male, gay, bi or straight. I am bisexual WM, 38, HIV neg., switchable Top, challenging, attentive, thin, nonsmoker. Respond: Boxholder, P.O. Box 2896, SF 94126, or call ★★1099.

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Christmas Shopping in October?
I am! Seriously seeking a serious relationship with committed, independent, sensual soulmate, a worldly, spontaneous risk-taker with a 6-figure income. Me: GWM, 31, attractive, adventurous and all of the above, ready to meet my match! Feliz Navidad!! Reply BT Box OC70.

Bookish Type Wanted
for explorations both literary and physical. Like me, your life is full of books, music, movies, and plays of all kinds, but you'd like to share these with a best buddy. We're both well-exercised physically, emotionally, and intellectually and we're youngish (under 40), slender, clever, funny, and ready to look for love in all the right places in San Francisco. Photo, please. Reply BT Box OC71, or call ★★1000.

Tits and Brains
Intimacy: Our clothes, falling to floor and chair, as they drop, speak for us, pronouncing in their slow descent each word in our eyes, each syllable of our flesh. Waking in the dark, I turn and build bright phrases in your ear until you, too, stir, rocking to the song of my full heart. Romance: You bring/ A message I have longed to hear: no ear/ Stays deaf, no heart can sleep when Cupid sings./ That song on your sweet lips allays all fear,/ So I say yes to love, say yes to you./ I look into your eyes and heaven moves. You: HIV pos., over thirty, sexually versatile (but primarily bottom), love the desert. Me: 43, hairy, well-built, 175, 6', balding, HIV pos., waiting for someone who can make heaven move. Photo a must. Reply Boxholder, 2215-R Market, Box 247, SF 94114, or call ★★1001.

Wanna Purrrrr?
Physically: 30 something, tall, masculine, HIV neg., very goodlooking, in Capitola area. Spiritually: metaphysical Christian (not religious). Mentally: Can make miracles happen and dreams come true. Emotionally: "Work In Progress" (1990: year of learning and growing). Professionally: 3/4 retired, 1/4 travel consultant and massage therapist. We are: nonsmoker/drugs/alcohol abuser, open-minded, romantic and financially secure. Write about yourself (past, present and future) with photo (returned). Best to you! Reply BT Box OC72.

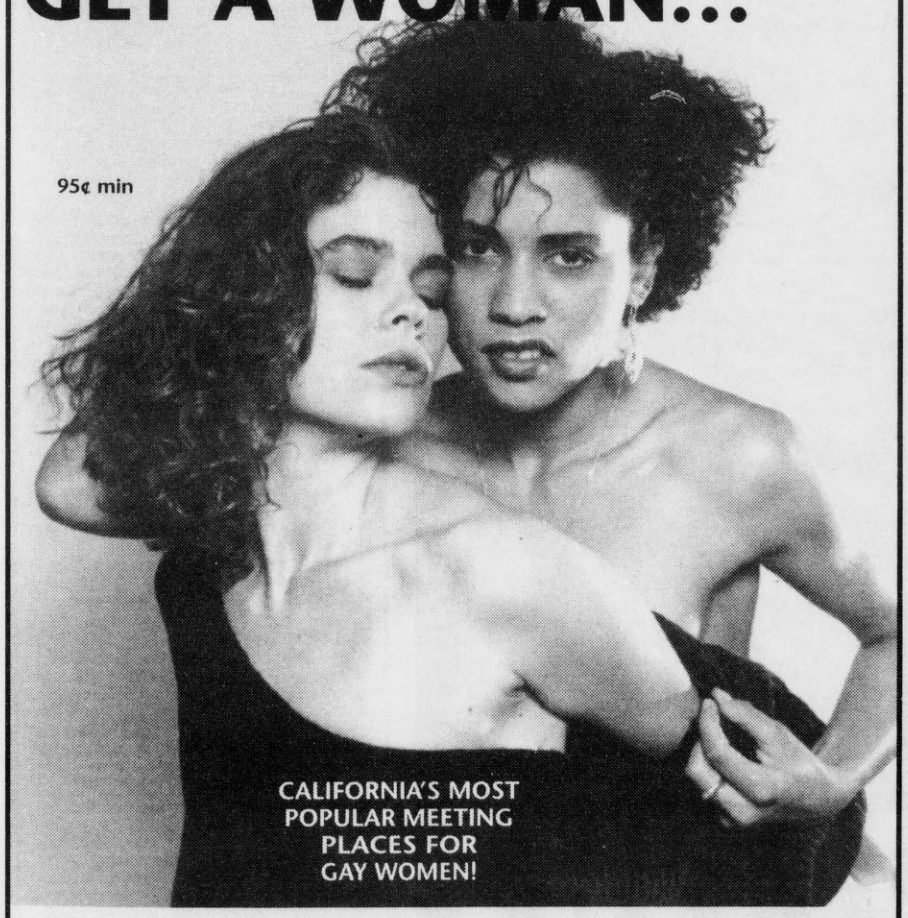
Unique Dreams Become Reality
I seek best friend/potential relationship with a goodlooking Caucasian or Latin, 30-40 yrs, educated/professional in S.F. I'm 6 ft., 37, 175 lbs, brn, moustache, educ./prof., Caucasian, HIV pos., passionate, sensitive, caring and romantic. I want another who seeks travel, gym, movies, music, skiing, beaches, boating and more. Send descriptive letter, photo (required), and phone number to Boxholder, Box #73, 2300 Market St., SF 94114, or call ★★1086.

Antioch/Pittsburg
30-year-old GWM is tired of having to commute to socialize. Would like to meet other gays and lesbians, both singles and couples to establish local circle of friends. I am mature and level-headed, but still know how to have fun. I enjoy bicycling, water/snow skiing, hiking, cards, dancing, videos and gardening. I have a religious background and value that in others. Light drinker, no drugs. If you are also looking for friends in this area, please write to Boxholdedr. P.O. Box 3802, Antioch 94509.

Friendship
GWM (31, 6'4", 250, br/br), new to area seeks friends. I like guys who are both smart and honest. A great sense of humor is a plus. Race and age are not as important as a positive attitude. Masculine, down-to-earth guys preferred. My interests include movies, music, workouts, travel. Reply BT Box OC73.

Seeking Soul Mate
We have both lived lives of variety and exploration. Each of us knows and values who he is as a man and as a partner. We are successful professionals, attractive, bright, committed to life, realistic, and self-aware. Each of us values time alone and time with others. Each has a growing passion and need for a partner with whom he can share life without losing his special individuality. Neither of us is desperate for another relationship. We have individually concluded that life is about balance and quality. Both of us want a monogamous, loving union in which we are enriched by being together. I am GWM, 45, 5'10", 185 lbs, versatile, stylish, occasionally impulsive, open, kind, affectionate, affable, romantic, HIV negative, educated, socially aware/liberal, financially secure/conservative, and spiritually active. I am a father of teenagers and a single parent. I love ideas, books, travel, music, jogging, my children and friends, my home, intimacy, laughter, and almost anything which is slightly exotic. I like my work, which involves a lot of people contact, but am sometimes a little bored with it. I have friends who care for me deeply and value me for my creativity and honesty. I tend, I'm sorry to say, to turn play into work. I need help on that one. I ask the question "When?" of life more often than is good for me. No one is perfect. I dislike big alcohol-driven parties, genderfuck-

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ing, asparagus, lima beans, extremely cold weather, and narcissistic little boys of any age. You are GWM in your late thirties to early fifties, versatile, giving, open, honest and conscious, practical, amiable, articulate, creative, HIV negative, verbally and physically affectionate, educated, stimulating, spiritually inquisitive, socially aware/liberal, financially stable, and well read in subjects which interest you. You like your work, although you may also be sometimes a little bored with it. You love romance, laughter, adventure, friends, travel, some regular form of physical exercise, music, dancing, and long, touching, quiet times together. We believe we can have greater fun and learning by exploring life as a couple than we can by doing it alone. We'll share interests and experiences. We'll introduce some new ones. We'll disagree about some, too. We're not in a big hurry, preferring to take our time to build something solid together which includes joy and respect. I don't drink. Your social drinking—or anyone else's—is no problem. Drugs, smoking, and abuse of alcohol are unacceptable. All responses will be treated with courtesy and confidentiality. Reply BT Box OC74.

Wall Studs

Marin Couple—two GWM's—35 and 33—tired of being professional home renovators and acting like Bob Villa every weekend are looking for friends in a similar situation to exchange horror stories, mountain biking, great conversation and laughs. If you're tired of friends in the city acting like you live in Idaho and the thought of hanging one more sheet of wallboard makes you bilious, write! Your photo of the latest home project gets ours! Reply BT Box OC75, or call ★★1002.

Born Early March 1959?

Unconventional GWM, 6'2", 167 lbs., moderately gymmed, mid-forties, wants to hear from guys with his birthdate who, if an astrological theory proves to be correct, should be as hot for me as I will be for you. Send your phone number and a good time to call. We'll talk. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 170217, SF 94117.

East Coast Energy...

even though I'm straight from the heart of Texas! Muscular GWM, 34, 5'11", 165, blond hair, grey eyes, beard, HIV pos., seeks outgoing, affectionate GWM, 30-40, for a monogamous relationship. We can share a cabin in the woods, a dance floor, a theater box, a plane ticket, and lots of good versatile loving. Some hair on your chest would definitely make my day! No smokers/drinkers/druggers need apply. Reply BT Box OC76.

"You always hurt the one you love?"

Sounds good to me! Bondage, leather, humiliation, discipline... It's new to me, but I want to learn more from the right man. Me: 36, GWM, 5'10", HIV neg., 155 lbs, handsome "pushy" bottom. You: 25-50, lean & mean, any race, but able to keep me in line. Send letter with photo! Photo returned with my reply. Reply BT Box OC77, of call ★★1003.

Pilot Seeks Co-Pilot

for journey through life. GWM, 46, 5'11", 165 lbs, airline pilot, seeks a person of intellect, 30-40, nonsmoker, slender to medium build, who would appreciate the benefits that a loving, honest, committed relationship would provide. Some of my passions: Touching, cuddling, fine food, weekend getaways, vacations on ships, reading, movies, videos, and of course, great sex. Write about yourself, with phone number. Photo? Reply BT Box OC78, or call ★★1004.

Tanned, Masculine,

attractive, distinguished looking 48-year-old GAM, more Mifune/Mishima than fem., at ease in tux for concert, shorts and sneakers for casual wear. Favorites include multiple outdoor sports, travel, music from Clint Black to Puccini, art, ancient history and biosciences. Outwardly sophisticated, but kid at heart, enjoys simple pleasures; the sounds of gulls and surf on beach, sound of gentle rain in forest, and hoplessly romantic. Vitals: 5'6", 125 lbs, average build, sexy legs, seeks clean shaven (not absolute) GWM, 30+ to 50 for fun, sharing and possible relationship. HIV neg. and health conscious. Your reply and photo receives mine. Reply BT Box OC79, of call ★★1005.

Dark Eyes

Do opposites really attract? They do for me! This 28-yr-old, all-American boy, blond, blue, smooth skin, muscular, cln shaven, muscular, hairy legs and hung seeks men of European looks (Greek, Spanish, Italian, Arabic, Iranian, etc. Turn-ons are sideburns, dark beard lines, white T-shirts with blue jeans, long hair, short hair, muscular bods and hot sex. Your fantasy and photo get mine. I'm 5'11", 170 lbs. Reply BT Box OC80, or call 1006.

Marat Seeks Sade

Articulate, handsome, bearded leftist writer/scholar, 37, 5'9", stocky build, HIV pos., nice chest, bubble butt, seeks aware, astute, aggressive, tactile, masculine counterpart/compassionate, emotionally available, intellectual equal, 25-50, for safe encounters, friendship, serious involvement. Enjoy books, films, ideas, body hair, bondage, TT, long walks, museums, bookstores, cheap restaurants, travel, cultural activism. Meet first, play later. Reply with photo. Reply BT Box OC81, or call ★★1007

I want to share

your company. We are both well adjusted, but at times lonely GWM who have a sense of humor are well groomed, honest, trusting, looking for that one with whom we might develop friendship into something very special. I'm HIV neg., 5'10", 165 lbs, nonsmoker, clean shaven, 50's. Reply BT Box OC82, or call ★★1008.

Sexy French/Italian

Goodlooking man, new to SF, 35, 5'10", 155 lbs., 29 waist, gym toned body, looking for friendly Latin, Hispanic, Black or mixed race man. Must be in shape, 25/35 and interested in more than one-night stand. Looking for quality not quantity. Your picture gets mine. Reply BT Box OC83. or call ★★1009

Uncut? Atypical Gay?

Nice looking guy, 36, 6'1", 175#, cut, HIV neg. seeks uncut slender/skinny nerd. I love theatre, film, art, architecture, politics, hiking, bicycling and camping. I am very romantic and passionate and with the right guy, I find humor and intelligence more important than looks. Please, no smokers, bar types or clones. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 410401, SF 94141.

Fuck Buddies Wanted

Find parks, movies, baths too impersonal. Want some quality sex without strings. I'm definitely not interested in relationships or role playing. Me: White, HIV neg., 40's, 6', 165 lbs., salt-pepper hair, mustache. French A/P. You: 5'10" or less, slight build, smooth chest, 25-50, any race, nonsmoker. If you're horny and into good times, write me with photo (returned). Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 6394, SF 94101-6394.

Sex Police

Hot GWM, 31, looking for horny top who can control my sex: chastity devices, bondage, toys. Dig ass play, sex "workouts," fantasy/mind games. Take your pleasure and keep me high 'n' dry 'til you say when. Reply BT Box OC84, or call ★★1010.

Lifetime Friend and Lover —Monogamous Only.

Very attractive GAM, 31, 5'9", 130 lbs., dark brown hair and eyes. Seeks a very cute/boyish-looking GWM who is clean cut/shaven, healthy, HIV negative, nonsmoker, drugs free, warm and sincere to build a special lifetime monogamous relationship. You must be 21-29, 6' tall or less and mature. You won't be sorry because I'm intelligent, stable, straight looking, college grad., professional and into many indoor/outdoor activities. I'm very fun to be around and very loving/caring as well. Please write with photo and phone number. Reply BT Box OC85, or call ★★1011.

Men Into Hot Jack Off

Handsome man, 40 yrs old, 5'9", 170, muscular, dark hair, beard, friendly, wants long, hot JO buddy. Let's roll around, get hot and sweaty, grunt off big loads, man-to-man. Prefer masculine basic in-shape guys. Beards a plus. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 6057, Napa 94581, or call ★★1012.

Ass Worship

If you have nice buns—I want them. This attractive, GWM top, 39, 6'5", 200 lbs, brown hair (moustache-chest-stomach) likes ass. I like to look at, touch, squeeze, tickle and massage nice buns for an extended period of time. Light spanking, safe sex follows. If your dick's hard from reading this ad, send photo and letter. Reply BT Box OC86, or call 1013.

Looking for a Real Person

GWM, 5'7", 135 lbs, br/hzl. Physically and mentally fit 41-year-old professional, mostly bottom, with average to attractive looks. I enjoy movies, music, outdoors, computers and exploring the Bay Area. I am healthy HIV pos., down-to-earth, independent and honest with a sense of humor about life. I prefer Latin or Mediterranean looks, but am looking for an honest, self-confident guy, 32-48, in shape, who is truly comfortable with himself and has an appreciation of life. Please send letter and photo (I'll return). Reply BT Box OC87, of call ★★1014.

Lust 'n Luv 'n Levi's

GW 40's 'n shape top, 5'7", 150#, s/p balding, bushy moustache, nonsmoker/drinker, lt. doper, HIV neg., cut, affectionate, humorous, travelled, educated, aerobicized, sensitive 'n sensual, lover of Levi's seeks GW 30-50s 'n shape butch bottom, facial hair, under 5'9", nonsmoker, HIV neg., cut, similar attributes above in 2 suck'n, lick'n, chew'n, milk'n daddy's dick in 'n out of 501's. Reply BT Box OC88, or call ★★1015.

Professional GAM

Mid 30's GAM, professional, sincere, straight-acting, healthy, 5'11", 170 lbs, looking for GM same quality, any race from 25-45 for friendship or more. Prefer masculine and well-built, professional. Your reply and photo get mine. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 191153, SF 94119.

Looking for Affectionate Cuddler

I'm 28-years-old Latino, about 5'9", 130 lbs, HIV neg., blk hair, mustache, light beard, average to good-looking. I'm very affectionate, warm-hearted and love to cuddle. I'm not into anal sex but enjoy oral sex and massages. I enjoy simple things in life: going for walks, long rides, beach, movies, out to dinner, also enjoy music very much, especially country. But most of all enjoy quiet evenings with someone special just cuddling. Looking for GWM 28-50 years old who is also warm, affectionate, kind, self-sufficient, average to good-looking, 5'8" or taller, mustache, beard, beard not important, mustache a definite plus, hairy chest and buns big plus, but

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not important, average weight, but not overweight. If you feel this is what you're looking for I would like to hear from you. Replies with photo and description receive a response. Reply BT Box OC89.

Cute, Short, Preppy Newcomer

Intelligent, atypical schoolboy-appearing guy, 25, 5'6", 130, dark brown hair, tight butt, wants to meet a sincere, educated, furry friend. I'm turned on by average bodies, above-average minds, a weird sense of humor, sports-minded men, cuddling, mild kink, nonsmokers, nonbar types, razor stubble, preppy glasses, men of color; oral action, romantic evenings. Interested? Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 27472, Concord 94527, or call ★★1058.

Big Brother with Big Pecs?

White, clean-shaven, crew-cut boy, 24, tall, slim, tight, seeks butch big-brother type man for companionship, friendship, late-nights, maybe a little mutual lust? I enjoy movies, current music, long rap sessions, videos; guys with big arms and chests are my weakness (I surrender!). Interested yet? Write w/phone and photo. Reply Boxholder, 584 Castro St., #323, SF 94114, or call ★★1016.

Slim, Goodlooking, Older Guy

seeks short, slim, over 50 guy. I'm 5'9", 160 lbs, good shape, HIV negative. I like bars but not booze, classical music, operatic excerpts, occasional head-trips, smoke beedies. I'm retired—not wealthy but with future prospects. I'm jaded, cynical and don't watch television. I believe AIDS is man made ("The revenge of hell boils within my heart"). Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 5473, SF 94101. Photos returned.

Men of Value

Five years ago I began what I thought was a lifelong relationship. Since then, the relationship has changed, I have changed, and times have changed too. Some things that have not changed, however, are my values. I still believe in those values and look forward to sharing them again. I'm masculine acting, athletic, educated, 37, 160 lbs, w/strawberry blonde hair, moustache, and green eyes. I live a healthy lifestyle that is based upon lifelong beliefs, not my HIV+ status. Inside, I have a side which is quiet and shy, conservative, traditional, professional, and confident. I move cautiously and with forethought. My other side is very unpredictable. It's impulsive, adventurous, energetic, and fun-loving. I'd like to meet a man who is handsomely masculine, affectionate, stable, sports-minded, honest, smoke-free, and loves to laugh; someone who believes that two works better than one, wants a dog, and prefers to call his house his home; someone who enjoys travel, joining friends for dinner, and visiting his mother-in-law. Ideally, I won't fit all of your "marketing" requirements and you won't fit all of mine. As a result, we can both appreciate our differences. Your photo/Xerox will tell me about you from the outside. Your letter will share the *real* you from the inside. Reply BT Box OC90, or call ★★1087.

Blond Sweetheart

seeks emotionally available, supportive, nurturing man for a loving relationship. I'm 5'10", clean-shaven, bright blue eyes, normal build, HIV negative, and attractive. I'm also a clean and sober educated, well-traveled, professional and musician in my mid-thirties who loves movies, popcorn, comedy clubs, cabin retreats, great food, dancing, romance, and new adventures. So if you're comfortable with intimacy and have a big heart, the loving arms of my reply box await your photo and response. Reply BT Box OC91.

I love how you love me...

...and vice versa, I hope. I'm a confident, handsome, loving and humorous guy; I'm looking for a warm and, hopefully, handsome man to share walks, movies, jokes, intimate times, conversation and fun. Please be 25-40 years old, tell me about yourself and (oh, I hate this part), include returnable photo. You'll love how I love you. Reply BT Box OC92, or call ★★1017.

Better Living Through Chemistry

Handsome GWM, blue eyes, silver hair, 6', 42, 160, HIV neg., seeks dark-haired, hairy-chested, HIV neg. Top for chemistry experiments. I'm into long, mutual French. Then you fuck my brains out. If the chemistry works, then I'm open to all that other stuff like dates and walks on the beach. What about you? Photo, phone. Reply BT Box OC93.

Very Special

Outgoing, adventurous, spontaneous, HIV negative Hastings Law student in wheelchair invites a young, fun-loving spiritual, athletic, sensitive, monogamous guy with a big heart and high self-esteem to share love and happiness. I am caring, tanned, handsome and fun to be with. If your life is together and you're not fearful of a wheelchair, you'll be more than happy with me. If possible, send picture and phone number. Thanks. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 4607, Berkeley 94704.

Let's Date & Mate

GWM seeking frisky studs to romp with. Am sexually versatile with passions for leathersex, bondage, safe & sane "sessions." Also like cinema, reading, music, dining out, bicycling, contemporary art, anything unique. Am 5'8", bl/bl, 140 lbs., young-looking 35 with trim beard, well-hung, healthy, HIV+, well exercised, attractive, creative, intelligent, honest, witty. No smokers, druggies. Reply BT Box OC94.

Young Guys

They seem to think I'm cool. They know I care and try to understand their problems without playing games. (Plus, I can usually party them under the table!) They keep me young and up-to-date with what's happening. I always listen and am there when they need someone. If this attractive, very intelligent man, 39, sounds good to you, send photo and your date, place, time of birth to Boxholder, 1827 Haight St., #45, SF 94117.

Quality Gay Male

Fun-loving, youthful, energetic, educated, progressive, professionally employed, gay father, handsome, masculine, mature, healthy (HIV neg.), nonsmoking, and passionate GWM (41, 5'11", 165, br/bl, nice body). Enjoy outdoors (swimming, tennis, biking, x-country skiing, hiking), theatre, music (classical, folk, rock), dancing, ethnic foods, stimulating conversation, intimacy, and sex. Seek quality gay, male friend (30s-early 40s) with similar background and interests. Send photo, telephone number, and personal description. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 5711, Elmwood Station, Berkeley 94705, or call ★★1018.

Fremont Area

GWM, 42, 6', 170 lbs., masculine, goodlooking, sincere, stable professional seeking younger (30 to 40) same type guys for quality friends and/or possible relationship later. I enjoy quiet evenings at home, an occasional night out, biking, the beach, good conversation, TV and most sports. I'm easygoing and not afraid to try something new. Please respond with note and photo—returned/exchanged. Reply BT Box OC95.

Muscle Worship

WM, 5'6", 150 lbs, seeks muscular guys who enjoy pumping up, flexing, posing, oil, mirrors and having their muscles appreciated. Seek big bodybuilders or lean, defined types including Blacks and Asians. Especially like pecs and peaked baseball-shaped biceps. Have muscle videos and enjoy taking physique photos. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 6655, SF 94101.

Wishing Well

Seeking well-built, well-hung, well-educated, well-employed and generally swell guy for city and country fun. Empty bucket is very handsome with dark hair, dark eyes, 5'5", 136 lbs, smooth, muscular body with big, untrimmed centerpiece. Sensitive, optimistic, energetic bodybuilder, and health food advocate who enjoys alternative music, arts, and sports. Masculine no-games-type would love to meet same, 25-35. Letter, photo. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 191894, SF 94119-1894.

Fascinating Rhythm

I like guys and would like to make friends and maybe more. I like music, film and languages. I play the piano, especially classical and Tin Pan Alley. I would like to meet someone I can talk with, walk with, eat with, see a film with, dance with, to to Pt Reyes or Russian River with, speak Russian or French with. I am a student living in the East Bay. (Well, not the bay itself.) I am tall, dark and handsome, as they say. In my late twenties. From New York originally. Please send a letter about you. Photo/phone optional. Reply BT Box OC96, or call ★★1019.

Quiet Professional!

A 33-year-old GWM, 6'4", brn, blu, professional, relatively new to area would like to meet a man in his early to mid 20s who is sincerely interested in exploring a relationship with a stable, yet life-loving, man (a.k.a. me!) I have interests from the natural to cultural. By training I'm a historian. I love lit., classical music, psychology, sport. At this point I would like to meet a young man that has some of the above interests and is not averse to building a relationship and making the commitments if things happen to work out. Maybe we can prove romance is not dead! Please reply BT Box OC97, or call ★★1020.

Music, Philosophy, Simple/Sensual/Sober Lifestyle: Asians/Latins/All Races 18-35...

Goodlooking GWM, 29, 5'9", 150 lbs, hairy, clean-shaven, seeking friends (+?). Interests include: Sade, Simply Red, Sting, Elton, Rundgren, Santana, Prokoviev, KKSF—Slowhand videos, Matt Ramsey, Squirt Cummings, Peter North, Bobby Rivera, Randy Ramos, Kevin Chang, 69, etc.—Pascal, Kierkegaard, Jaspers, Buber, AA, Thanksgiving Chaplin, Newhart, The Far Side, Twilight Zone... Anything in common? Photo *and* letter. Reply BT Box OC98, or call ★★1021.

Attractive Mediterranean Seeks Friend/Lover

I am young looking, attractive, 32, 5'8", 150, black hair, brown eyes, HIV neg., good swimmer's build, hairy chest, an architect. I seek a young or young looking, HIV neg., attractive masculine, well-built, preferably muscular Top or versatile man for friendship that could possibly develop into a relationship. Your phone, photo appreciated, returnable upon request. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 545, San Pablo 94806, or call ★★1022.

I Cherish Honesty

Fun-loving, Jewish teddy, 35, 5'9", 190 lbs, but dieting, green eyes, terrific sense of humor. Enjoys quiet time with you, laughter, sincerity and a keen sense of understanding. Seeks internal package of creativity, caring, listening and responding. You are also stable, creative and have no reservations for a committed relationship. Reply BT Box OC99.

Older, Larger Top Lover, Mate, ?, Needed

Trim 42, 5'6", 140, average looks, HIV neg., stable and educated, masculine, but with a romantic, passive streak. You're older, larger (stocky-heavy), masculine, blue collar kind of guy, in control, gentle/affectionate, who wants a passionate bottom (me) to share pleasure and maybe romance. Looks not important, but chemistry and safe sex are. Reply Boxholder, Box 190983, SF 94119.

Herrrrrre's Johnnny!

Last weekend my straight, older brother called from Chicago and asked how my sex life was: I told him that things were so—that my fingers were getting headaches (Ba-Ba-Room!). Seriously folks, I mean really seriously folks...I am trying to find a guy, 30-45, who likes men that are OBF. No, not some British Order...older but firm! (Applause sign). Folks, if you are a GWM, HIV neg who wants to meet a good-looking, nonsmoker guy with grey hair and is 52, 5'9", 150, HIV neg. Top, drop me a line. Like fishing, Drop a line and a photo and you will receive, *by return mail,* an absolutely free, flattering photo of me, and a revealing letter, and a chance to win Ed McMann. Reply BT Box OC100, or call ★★1023.

The Best Is Yet To Come

So let's share it! This attractive WGM in his 50's wants to meet another WGM similar in age to share friendship and companionship with the thought that a lasting relationship would ensue. I'm kind and sensative and look for similar traits in you. Intimacy (sexual and nonsexual) and a sense of humor are big with me. I'm 5 ft. 6 in., 144 lbs, with brown hair and brown eyes, college graduate, and HIV neg. I'm a nonsmoker and don't do drugs. I don't drink, but I don't mind that others are light drinkers. Into golf, bridge, gardening, theatre, and like to entertain friends in my home. I want to share my interests with you and look forward to having you introduce me to your interests. Take the time to re-read this ad; it could be the best thing that ever happened to both of us. Let's get together and prove that the best is yet to come! Reply BT Box OC101.

Seniors and Over 50's

who love to screw ass. I haven't been screwed since '82 and want to change that for the future. I have a nice body, not fat, not skinny. Sexy legs and ass. Blond, mid 50's, 6', 175, HIV pos. Safe sex only. If you know that you love to screw good ass because it feels *so good,* write me. You will find I give great head, too. Reply BT Box OC102.

Share Rural Marin Ranch

Ordinary GWM, 6'2", 215 lbs, husky body, 45 years old and very healthy, seeks honest, stable, sensuous, HIV neg. man. Hopefully, you like outdoors, dogs, cows, various farm animals and big yard. Prefer younger guy with hairy chest and legs who has desire to live in country—not just visit once in a while. Reply BT Box OC103.

Being Different

from each other can be as important in stimulating a relationship as having similarities can be in developing bonds. It's more important that we like each other, than BE like each other. I'm an attractive, secure GWM, healthy, fit, young-looking 43, with trim beard. My varied interests include friends, arts and good music, movies, cooking, cycling and my cats. I'm attracted to men under 35 who have unique qualities and an honest and caring nature; lean, tight or muscular bodies are especially erotic, as is passionate kissing and physical intimacy. You should be relationship oriented and be accepting of HIV pos. Letter and picture (if possible) to: Boxholder, 584 Castro, Box 626, SF 94114, or call ★★1024.

Anonymity

Well-built, boyish stud likes to jack off while watching two or more verbal, straight-appearing, muscular studs wrapped in hot, sweaty sex. The more anonymous the better. Imaginative photo appreciated/returned. Reply BT Box OC104.

Short, Husky, Hairy

GWM, 41, 5'4", 140 natural toned lbs., HIV neg., seeks another HIV neg., race not important. You like me are successful in your career, a quality human being, happy with life, enjoy home, the outdoors, are expressive, spirited, soulful, and humorous. I'm sexually versatile, but prefer being more bottom than top. Not into bars, occasional drink, smoke OK. I have an unnatural fondness for big chests, arms, smiles. Tall or short, hairy or smooth, other husky men. If the chemistry seems right, photo, please, with reply to BT Box OC105.

Hard to Write

East Bay gay man wants kindly, older, professor type who has laughing, crinkly eyes, a jolly belly (but not Santa), loves music, art, likes to read, sense of humor, and likes to snuggle and kiss. I'm 60, fairly normal, 5'10" and 170. I'm liberal, Unitarian, don't smoke, etc. Like people my own age—60 or 65 or so. I'm loyal, faithful, sit up when fed. Reply BT Box OC106.

Just Do It

Looking for that special someone? Well, this could be your guy. Attractive Asian male—5'7", 135 lbs., healthy (HIV-), athletic and romantic. Seek an attractive, masculine, stable and healthy male for friendship and possible relationship. All replies will be answered, please include photo and phone number. Send reply to BT Box OC107.

Darkman, 35-55

desired for romance and relationship by handsome blond, 39, 6', 170 lbs., fit, healthy and HIV neg. I am also honest, intelligent, witty, reliable, warm-hearted, sensuous, articulate, prosperous and independent. I seek a reflection of those qualities in a mature man of color, 5'10" or taller, in SF or on the BART line. Shared activities are unimportant compared to shared values and humor, and to complementary sensuality. Please write and we can compare. Sorry, but I can't endure tobacco smoking or loud snoring! Reply BT Box OC108, or call ★★1096.

Romantic Outdoorsman

Believe in old-fashioned dating? I'm interested in meeting someone 30-45 with mutual interests who wants a permanent monogamous relationship and who wishes to spend some fun quality time dating to ensure we're right for each other (sorry, won't move-in in six weeks). I'm a GWM, 39, 6', 155, gym-toned, HIV neg., nonsmoker, nondrinker, no drugs. My interests include backpacking, cross-country skiing, hiking, camping, classical music concerts, reading, quiet evenings at home and affectionate, romantic, hot, safe lovemaking. Let's date, fall in love and encourage our individuality while enjoying a rich, active, full, loving life together—forever! Reply with letter, photo/phone to BT Box OC109.

Brains and Brawn Wanted in South Bay

GWM, mature, muscular, honest, professional seeks same. If you like affection, commitment, a firm body, good times, travel, masculinity, fun and a happy future, send photo (returnable) and letter. Include a phone # and express yourself, and a prompt reply and photo is yours. This is an HIV neg. quality man seeking a "class act" and is an opportunity for both parties. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 26262, San Jose 95159-6262, or call ★★1025.

A Taste You'll Never Get Tired Of

If you're cruising the classifieds looking *only* for a bed companion, soulmate, intellectual foil, or someone to dance with...skip this ad. I read, write, cook well, am active in left-politics, make people laugh, practice a martial art; I like the outdoors, dancing, seeing movies; sex, speculating on the origins of everything, just hanging out; I'm a skeptical romantic, a utopian realist. Stats: 5'10", 150 lbs, 31 years, hazel/brown, hairy bod, shaved face, been called beautiful but rarely believed it. I'm attracted to guys who are smart, spirited, 21-35, nice to look at, skinny to trim, smoother than me, and quietly confident of themselves. Write a great letter, send photo to BT Box OC110.

Intelligent Man Sought

GWM, 37, 6'5", 210 lbs, reddish hair (balding), trim beard, seeks intelligent man with sense of humor for possible long-term relationship. I am sincere, nonsmoker, HIV negative, professionally employed, and seek same. I enjoy tall, big, husky, and/or stocky men, but not a requirement—matching of interests, desires, personalities is far more important. Interests include movies, reading, music. Photo appreciated. Reply BT Box OC111.

Back to Basics

I am a GWM, 27, 5'7", 137 lbs, blk/brn, Mediterranean-looking, mustache, moderately hairy, considered cute, HIV neg. Looking to meet a GWM, 30-50, 5'7"+, weight proportioned to build, fair, (preferably) hairy chest, HIV neg. I am active, versatile and a bit intense; stable, honest, and a bit conservative. Enjoy the outdoors, cultural events, CW dancing, and intimate times at home. Photo and letter (returned and exchanged). Reply BT Box OC112.

Regular Guy, Far From Average

Children, dogs, and parents of ex-lovers adore me; maybe you will too. I am 36, 6', 172 lbs, blond, blue, HIV neg. I am a handsome, athletically built, masculine man who is creative, successful, communicative, educated, well-traveled, easygoing, midwestern-valued, though not necessarily mainstream, independent, devoted, classy without pretense, and a hell of a nice guy. Yes, I like home cooking, exercise, movies, fires, etc., etc. I'm happiest outdoors; I split my time between city and country. Believe a good relationship is based on good chemistry, a great friendship and some hearty laughs. Interested in meeting other regular guys with healthy lifestyles, around my age, who are equally confused by the dating scene, are interested in warming up this sometimes cool attituded city, and are blindly convinced that real intimacy is not hazardous to your health. Reply BT Box OC113.

When God Created Adam, He made a Black Man.

GBM wanted by GWM for monogamous relationship. Be my warrior, lover, magician, king. I'm 39, 5'6", 150 lbs., br/br, hairy-chested, clean-shaven. You're 30-45, under 6', muscled gentleness with a husky voice that gives me goosebumps. We're both HIV negative, versatile (French preferred), nonsmokers. What sweetness to sit by your side in the evening breeze! Wanna rubdown? Write BT Box OC114.

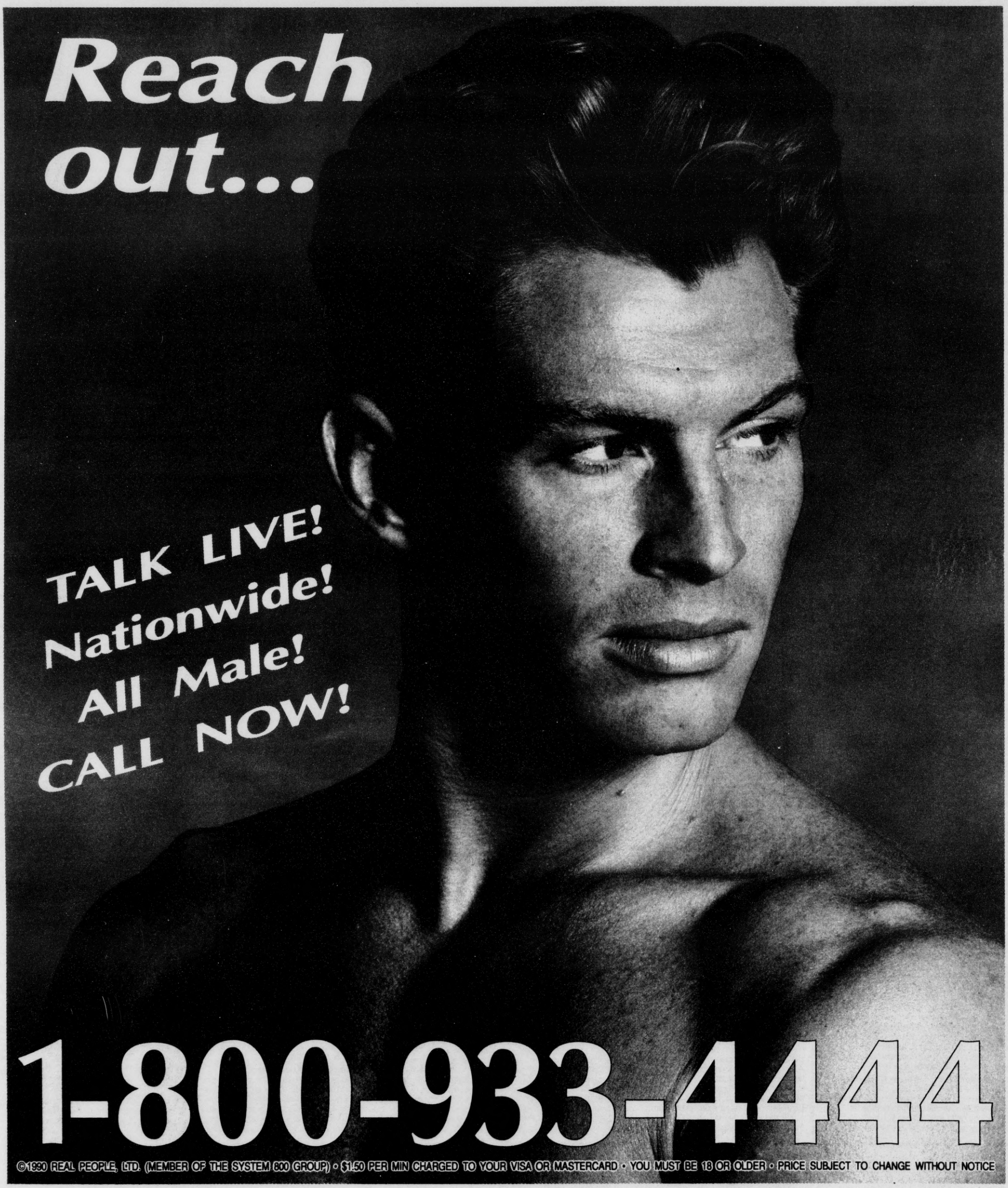
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Pakistanis, Indians, Bangla-Deshis, Afghanis

Handsome GWM wants to meet you for friendship or possible permanent monogamous relationship. You: Goodlooking, uncut (pref), stable, honest, sincere, masculine, between 30-50 y.o. Me: Oral, mature, U/C, vegetarian, romantic, masc., 5'6", blond/blu, 145 lbs, trim, moustache, HIV-neg., drug/alcohol free. Write with returnable pic/phone # to: Boxholder, Box 132, 1800 Market St., SF 94102, or call ★★1026.

Oral Domination and Mutual Satisfaction

Asymptomatic HIV pos. topman with healthy lifestyle wants similar bottom for continuing relations. I'm WM, 44, 5'8", 165, athletic, muscular, bald, bearded, average hung, aggressive and considerate. Ideally you're athletic, younger and shorter; but sincerity is more important. I require oral service, enjoy kinkplay (optional), am not into anal action. You'll get what you need. Send description, photo, desires to Box 30173, Oakland 94604, or call ★★1027.

Salmon Upstreams

I'm a 25-yr-old German-Filipino, 5'7", 140 lbs, blk/brn, smooth body, very attractive, intelligent, artistic, forever seeking for a serious mono-relationship with a GM 20-30 who's full of compassion and plenty of love in his heart to share a meaningful and happy long-lasting relationship with. Please send photo and letter to save us both time and effort. All will be answered. Friendships welcome. Reply BT Box OC115.

Do Opposites Really Attract?

I think that physically they often do. I'm a GWM, 30, 6'1", slender (165), somewhat shy, fairly smooth with light brown hair and green eyes. You are of a heavier build, 28-39 and outgoing. We are both masculine, affectionate, stable, sensitive, HIV neg., nonsmokers, light/non drinkers, enjoy the outdoors and open to a monogamous relationship. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 51113, Palo Alto 94303, of call ★★1028.

Graveyard

GWM sks others mid-20's to mid-30's who also work nights for companionship. Sks one for long-term relationship. My interests include (but not limited to): Erte, graphic arts, varied music, American Southwest, exploring in or out of town, movies, paying bills, doing dishes, shopping at Pak 'n' Pay or Home Depot, discussing life experientially. No smokers, drugs, or heavy drinkers. Me: 5'10", 150 lbs, average build, HIV neg., 29 y.o. chronological; silly to serious. Tired of arranging life around sleep schedule and acquaintances with "normal" jobs? Me too! Let's get together! Reply BT Box OC116.

OK, So I'm Not Perfect...

This HIV neg. GWM, 27, 6'2", 260, blue-eyed brunette is looking for a monogamous relationship based on honesty and trust. Interests include: Photography, museums, long walks, and drives to far away places, as well as cooking exotic dishes, foreign films and music of all types. No smokers or drug addicts. Enough babbling about me. Respond back to: Reply Boxholder, Box 2743, Danville 94526, or call ★★1029 and introduce yourself!

Looking for My Slave

Chinese master into CBT/T will give his slaves pleasure and enjoyment. Age, weight, race not important. Slaves have to be obedient, and willing to suck, and enjoy the CBT/T. Please send picture and a description to Boxholder, 109 Minna St., #403, SF 94105. Hurry, can't wait to meet you. No picture—delayed answer.

SWM Seeks *SWF*

Single white male seeks simply wonderful fellow for support and companionship. I'm bright, honest and communicative, clean and sober, involved in my career, friends and community. My goal is to meet another masculine man who is kind, calm and fun. Some of my interests are nature/out-of-doors, gardening, reading, antique shops, travel and adventures. I dislike smokers, drinkers, nonstop talkers and victims. I'm 45, gdlkg, fit, 5'10", 180 lbs, brown, blue, beard. How about you? Your photo appreciated—your response requested. Please don't be shy. Thanks. Reply BT Box OC117.

Warm,

sensitive yet strong, handsome 41, 6'2", 185 WM who has a lot to give and wants a lot of love. Interests include community involvement, bicycling, CW dancing, bridge. I work evenings. Being healthy HIV positive, I've learned to face the music, but I still want to dance. If you're boyish, 30-40 (on the small side a plus), emotionally evolved (want to learn more about yourself through a committed connection with another), have a sense of humor, nonsmoker, and looking for a natural lead, come dance with me. Reply BT Box OC118.

Sandbox Man/Boy

Cute but irritating, torn between natural beauty and the things money can buy, this 33-year-old HIV neg. GWM loves the ocean, bicycling, sun, being out of doors. persistent and perceptive, I go to the heart of THE matter. I want to know more about myself by joining w/another. Come play with me, but don't leave me in the sandbox for another tan man. I'm blnd, blue-eyed and exercised, 5'8", 150 lbs. So seeking GWM bright, communicative, psychologically curious, unusual, intimate and kind, 26-38. Let's have fun. Reply BT Box OC119.

Wanted: Average Masculine Guy/Any Race

Are you someone with traditional values who's at home on the weekend nights wanting to meet a lifetime man like me? You 're just an unpretentious, average guy who has a steady job, likes nature and the outdoors, who keeps his word—and you're ready to love and be loved. I don't care about your race, height, body build, endowment, cut/uncut and average looks are just fine. You may be in your 30's like me, but 20's are OK if you're mature and ready for commitment, or 40's if you're physically fit, flexible, adventurous and open to change. What you'll have with me is an attractive, straightforward, down-to-earth, comfortable, stable, and masculine GWM, 5'10", 145 lbs, HIV negative, with a clean-cut appearance, dark hair and eyes, and a hairy chest. I'm well educated, successful in my professional career, yet I'm an easygoing, down-to-earth type of guy who enjoys the simple pleasures of life. Most of all I value sharing a happy homelife with one man. I'm naturally monogamous, dependable, affectionate and a sensual, romantic lover. Being top comes easily for me, but I'm willing to share that pleasure if you enjoy being top sometimes. If you're also HIV negative and it sounds like we share goals and values, I'd like to hear from you. Reply BT Box OC120.

Wouldn't it be great...

to have a young man in his early 20s who is interested in more than himself, who has no major hangups and could sustain a conversation on a variety of topics? Has a sense of humor, a willingness to give and an opinion while respecting others. Someone who is open-minded, romantic and who will love and pamper you. Well, I'm him! Reply Boxholder, 740A 14th St., Box 201, SF 94114, or call ★★1030.

Frisbee

Basketball, football, racquetball, or participating in any sport are some of the things I would consider doing for a fun date, and this highly athletic GWM is looking exactly for that. I'm 27 y.o., 6'3", 210 lbs, bld/grn, and a bundle of energy. You are very energetic and athletic as well. Preferably between 18-35. Other interests include: Fast cars, movies, music, and good food. So if you want to be my fun date on a fun date, please respond by sending a photo and letter to BT Box OC121.

Open Heart

Nice looking 39, 6'3", 195 lbs, swimmer's muscular build, brown/gray hair, blue eyes, well endowed, uncut, HIV neg., versatile with many interests—biking, tennis, swimming, travelling, cooking, gardening, massage—seeks monogamous relationship with nonsmoker, HIV neg., 5'10" plus, 35-45 years old, with open heart and ability to communicate needs and dislikes and affection. Recent photo and letter get mine. Reply BT Box OC122.

Quasi Woman Seeks Pseudo Macho Man

for simulated sex: making out at the movies, in cars, dark alleys, and secluded places. I'm a 5'8", 137 lb. runner with long, silky hair and nice legs that look good in slim skirts. You are physically strong, not intimidated by brains. I prefer, not require, big arms, facial and body hair. Normals of any sort need not reply. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 7881, Berkeley 94707, or call ★★1031.

Back to Nature Relationship

I love the Bay Area, however it's time for me to get back to the land and work for Mother Nature combined with an adventurous, natural relationship with a buddy who is ready to make the break also. I have a plan to start a tree farm on land I am in the process of buying. All I now need is to cross paths with another upbeat, nature loving, young man to share the experience. Reply Boxholder, 1001 Bridgeway, #428, Sausalito 94965, or call ★★1032.

I Love Lucy, Too

Me: GWM, 5'8", 142, 44, East Bay professional, attractive, good sense of humor, HIV neg., exercise (gym, swim), massage, cinema, jazz, classical, KKSF, very safe sex, intuitive, healthy diet, clean, nonsmoking, no drugs or alcohol, blah, blah, blah. You: Compatible with me, possibly chunky (not fat), thick dick (a preference), HIV neg., sensitive and sweet. Respond with photo if possible (returned). Reply BT Box OC123.

Lonely Teacher

Tired of not having a boyfriend to go to Yvonne Rainer retrospectives with, to play pool (badly) and split a pitcher of beer in dive bars while comparing verbal systems of non-IndoEuropean languages, arguing the dephallocentricizing semiotics of the commodification of Stryker's penis, going to the movies primarily for the popcorn and coming attractions, debating the relevance of French Freud to current sexual politics, cuddling in flannel pajamas, taking turns on the computer, playing with my cat or anyone's dog, trying out West African recipes, etc. Not to mention frequent versatile sex. Favorite writers: Gluck, Killian, and Cooper; directors: Almodovar, Godard, Sheila Mclaughlin, Valie Export. I'm 35, 6', 180 lbs, clean-shaven, called "good-looking," professional academic, living in Santa Cruz, but desiring friendship and possible relationship in SF (come up often, and may move there soon), with like-minded man 28-45, any race. Detailed letter please. Photo appreciated, but not essential. Reply BT Box OC124, or call ★★1033.

Nice Jewish Boy

looking for same. So why would you want to bring me home to meet your mother? Well, I'm cute, smart, multi-talented, progressive, kind, and generous. I'm also 37, slim, hairy, happy, and healthy. If you're under 40 and enjoy culture, politics, and the outdoors in the Bay Area, I'm your mensch. Send photo and letter to BT Box OC125, or call ★★1034.

B and W

Versatile Black, Blk/Latino top sought by versatile GW bottom for good sex as crown jewel of broad, intimate bond. Me: Tall, fit, adventuresome, healthy HIV pos, silver fox, 46. You: Fit, warm, inquiring, nonsmoking, willing to bond. Write Boxholder, 584 Castro, Box 459, SF 94114. Returnable photo appreciated.

Attractive Tennis Player

GWM, 32, 5'9", blue eyes, brown hair, clean-cut, healthy, athletic, professional, muscular seeks GWM/Asians, 18-30, in SF/East Bay Area for friendship. Prefer straight-acting/appearing, honest, fun, clean-cut guys. Shy/inexperienced to gay scene OK. Discretion assured. Let's be friends. Write with photo to Boxholder, P.O. Box 272225, Concord 94527.

Big and Beefy

Moustached white guy, 40, 5'10", 230, somewhat-toned pounds, seeks men 20 to 60 for friends or ? I am mostly strong, masculine, active, healthy, humorous cosmopolitan, intelligent and not egocentric, faddish, fashionable or hairy, but slightly nonconformist who likes it all from camping out to concerts. Basically nice guys should write Boxholder, P.O. Box 640016R, San Francisco 94164, or call ★★1035.

Southbay Studs

I'm looking for a young all-American stud who lives in the Southbay/Fremont/Hayward area. I'm a GWM in my late twenties, 5'11", 170 lbs with intense blue eyes and dirty blond hair. I would really like to meet a guy who is younger, and really HORNY. So if you want to hang out, maybe party naked, then drop me a note with your hot photo, too. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 1463, Union City 94587-6463.

Beard/Furry/Outdoors

I am 5'8", 150 lbs, 34, muscular, masculine, attractive, conservative appearance, dark hair and eyes, HIV neg. I enjoy hiking, cross-country and downhill skiing, canoeing, weightlifting, various types of music and dancing, history, art, politics, nature. Willing to take up new activities. I tend to be liberal in my thinking, flexible in attitude. Intgerested in dating and eventual relationship with the right man. I prefer men 28 to 45, HIV neg, with beards. Not looking for perfection. Just a nice guy to share my life. Photo/letter to BT Box OC126.

Employed, Stable and Healthy

I have a job but I'm not career oriented. GWM, 44 y.o., 5'11", 160 lbs, HIV negative, friendly, easygoing, would like to share good times with a man of similar age and interests who is a nonsmoker (grass OK), and light drinker. I'm pretty open, have a sense of humor, and a good talker and listener. Like books, '60s music, movies, travel, quiet times. Work and live in East Bay. If you think we have something in common, please write. Photo appreciated. Reply BT Box OC127.

East Indian

wanted by GWM for dating, friendship, sex, possible relationship. Me: Trim, smooth, 49, HIV neg., grey, balding, 5'7", 140 lbs, like running, outdoors, arts, sharing experiences of India, perhaps learn/enjoy Indian cooking. You: Mature, open to friendship and more. Let's explore. Reply BT Box OC128, or call ★★1059.

Tight Butts Drive Me Nutts

Hot, hung, hunky, horny, handsome, healthy, happy, Italian 6', 178 lbs, brown hair/green eyes, moustache, 8½" dick, HIV negative, seeks hot well-built bottom who is masculine, healthy, and eager to please. Send photo, phone and description. Reply BT Box OC129.

Almost Perfect

My life that is. I've been trying to improve myself lately by enrolling in a graduate school (MBA) to improve my mind and by purchasing a Soloflex machine to improve my body (it's amazing what six months of hard work can do). The only thing missing is that special someone in my life. I'm a GWM, 24, 5'10", 175 lbs, lt br/gr., attractive, honest, sincere, masculine but sensitive, and a nonsmoker. I enjoy tennis, volleyball, weightlifting, movies, animals, music, and special friends. I wish to meet other GWM with similar interests and attributes for possible friendship and/or relationship. Please send reply with photo to Boxholder, P.O. Box 408, Fairfield 94533.

Wanted: Man with Ethnic Looks

Ethnic looks are good looks to me. A man whose face reflects his Mediterranean, Eastern European or Jewish ancestry has far more appeal for me than the small-featured men held up as an ideal in the media. Are you in your 20's or 30's? Are you well-informed and progressive in your social and political views? Are you an affectionate, romantic, HIV negative lover who is ready for a committed and monogamous relationship? If so, this ad was written for you. I'm a bright, cultured, athletic GWM, 27, 5'7", 150, HIV neg, nonsmoker with black hair, brown eyes, clean-cut appearances and a hairy, muscular body. I am a passionate and sensual top who can be versatile to meet your needs. I'm very comfortable being monogamous—you can feel secure with me. Interests include jogging, gym workouts, reading, movies, creative writing, a variety of music, travel, dining out, cooking and enjoying time at home. I don't expect our interests to match, but hopefully we'll share a few of these and I'm open to sharing your interests as well. Reply BT Box OC130. You will hear back from me.

In and Out

Masc., attractive, GWM, 31, 5'10", 165 lbs, brn/grn, with a well-maintained med. build looking for a GWM 25-40 who is masc., goodlooking and enjoys quiet nights in as well as loud nights out. Sexually I prefer the top, but can occasionally rollover for the right man. Lots of oral sex and passionate kisses a must. Photo please. Yours gets mine. Reply BT Box OC131.

I'll Make Time For You

Attractive G Asian-American, 57 y. young, 5'7", 140 lbs, successful businessman. Busy and hectic schedule, but could still find time for that special guy. He's attractive inside as well as out, 30-40, employed, good conversationalist and likes the finer things in life. If this sounds like you, let's have dinner. No drugs. Photo requested, please. Reply BT Box OC132.

Spiritual Love

Hello! I'm 5'8", 155 lbs, Latin, Polynesian, White, muscular, very good-looking, 30 years old and HIV positive. I'm looking for someone who's good-looking, muscular, believes in God, self-respect, life, love and a good time. Some interests are: self-education, travel, theater, nature, gym, spirituality, positive attitude, cooking, etc. etc. If you're looking for a companion, friend, lover and fit the physical and mental, then we need to meet. Please send photo and letter (photo a must!), to BT Box OC133, or call ★★1036.

Wanted: Youthful, Artistic Top For More Than Just the Sexual.

Eclectic GWM, 33, blond, blue eyes, 5'10", 150 lbs, HIV neg., seeks hot, dark, youthful Top, 28-40, into the arts/architecture, entertainment, and/or related fields. I'm steadily employed, intelligent, creative, hardworking, great sense of humor. Looking for lover to do things for and with, homelife, gardening, the cultural, travel, plus the cutting edge of life and arts. Not into bars, not looking for a sugar daddy. You are comfortable being a passionate Top, and want to share in life's ups and downs. I am a very romantic Cancer, compatible with Scorpios, Taureans, Pisceans, who are spontaneous, and a little nuts. Reply BT Box OC134, or call ★★1037.

Monogamous Young Top Wants Partner 25 to 35

I'm a clean-cut, collegiate GWM but don't let my being 27 concern you. You'll find me stable, reliable, mature and totally monogamous. My career is established with a company I really enjoy and I have an active goal-oriented personality. I'm a college grad who is progressive and politically involved. Physically, I have dark brown hair and eyes, tan complexion and am 5'7", 155 lbs. My interests are in the outdoors, aerobics, tennis and dancing, along with the usual movies, restaurants and time together at home. I'm enthusiastic about sharing your interests as well! I will be an affectionate, caring and romantic lover who can be either a total or versatile Top concerned with meeting your needs as well as my own. I'd like to build a permanent and monogamous relationship with a GWM or Latin man, 25 to 35, any height, proportionate weight. I'm most attracted to an educated, professional man who is also HIV negative, nonsmoker like me who has a clean-cut (but not necessarily a clean-shaven appearance. Photo appreciated (and returned with mine), but optional. Reply BT Box OC135, or call ★★1038.

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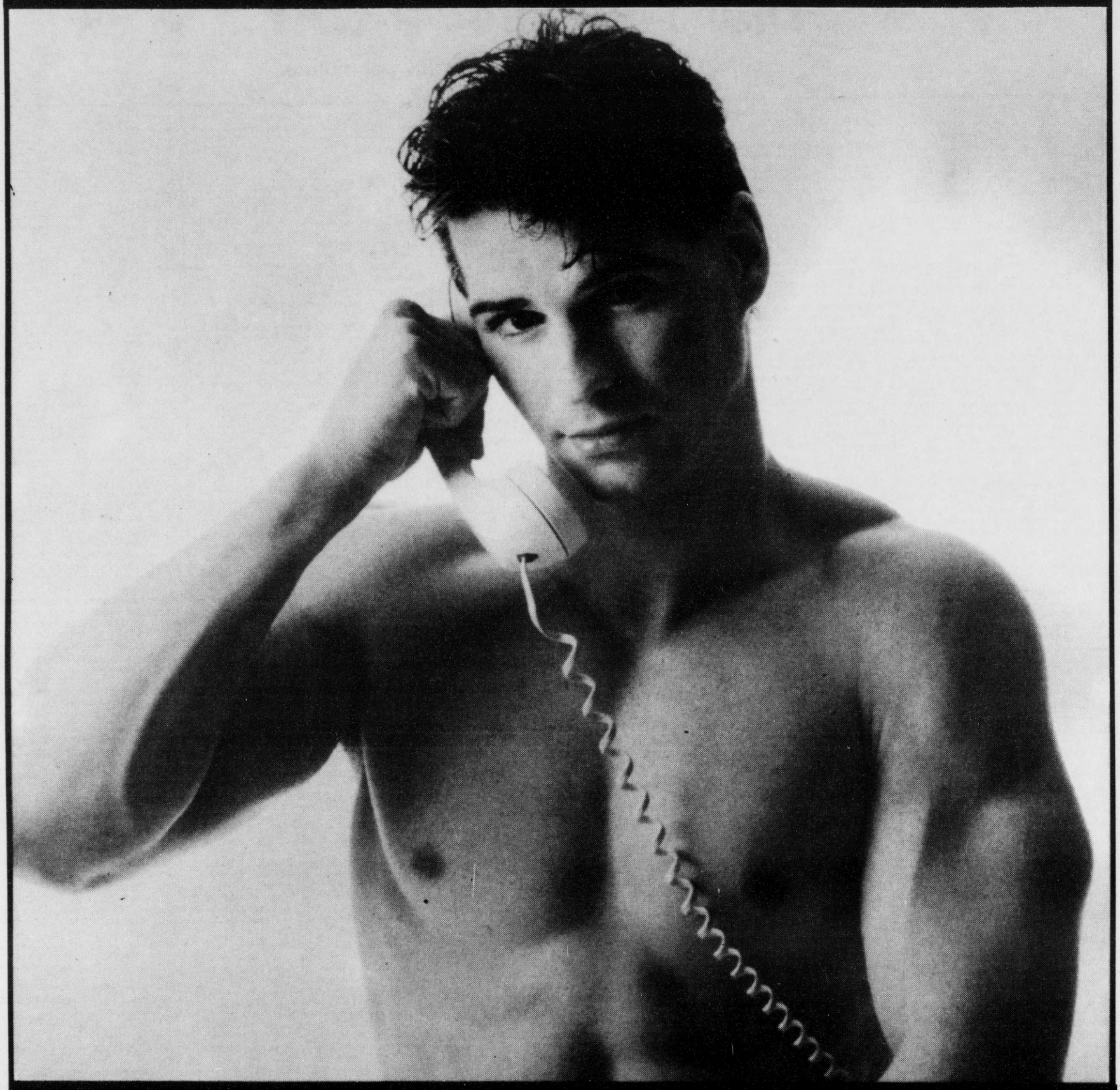
I want to develop a deep, caring relationship with a man who must have the same "essentials" in his partner/relationship as I do. They are: GWM, 33-42, masculine, HIV pos or neg, nonsmoker, monogamous, in good shape (but not gym centered), excellent communicator, vulnerable (wants emotional involvement). You're a Bottom in bed, and just as important, a sensual man who prizes touch as a higher plane of intimacy. One who is whole in himself but wishes to grow together with right man. Not afraid of differences in personality/activities, but knows what is/isn't

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Mendocino Man

with interesting and eclectic life in idyllic country setting to share. Good-looking, stable, hard-working, easygoing, intellectual, artistic, philosophical, well-built, 6', 170 lb, GWM, 40, with light brown hair and beard, blue eyes and positive outlook on life and love, seeks compatible companion/friend/lover who is warm-hearted, emotionally mature, good-looking, with sturdy, muscular physique, stimulating intellect, around my age or younger, who shares interest in country living, city diversion, travel and ethnic culture, progressive politics and ecological sensitivity. I'm an affectionate lover, safe, versatile and well-endowed. I'm into music (Baroque to Brazilian), dance (C&W to Salsa). I avoid smokers, druggers and heavy drinkers, gay exclusiveness and attitude. Open to relationship possibilities from weekend boyfriend to live-in lover. This is an Equal Opportunity Ad! I will respond to your letter. Photo appreciated. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 637, Fort Bragg 95437, or call ★★1039.

ARC Angel

seeks another angel for earthly adventures. Although recently diagnosed with ARC, I am very healthy physically, mentally, and emotionally. I'd like to meet others in my situation for mutual support and nurturing, and to possibly find my special angel. I'm a romantic who loves to kiss and make sensual, passionate love. I'm a very goodlooking GWM, 35, with brown hair, pretty green eyes, and a tall, tight muscular build. You are equally attractive. Are you my angel? Reply BT Box OC137, of call ★★1040.

A Gorgeous Dick

a hot body, and a sexy 26 y.o. face are qualities that...attract a lot of guys who can't meet my needs. True, I do shamelessly prefer other muscular moustached Mediterranean men (who love giving head and getting fucked), but somebody who appreciates intellectual and avant garde pursuits would be nice, too. Personally, I drool over architecture (as opposed to interior design), art that wouldn't match my couch, if I had one, and creative and environmental landscaping (Mother Nature is my favorite gardener). I revel in early and ethnic music, traditional jazz and 10's-40's pop. I live for trips to Mendocino but probably visit the Rawhide more frequently. If you give good back rub, can make fun of yourself, are not pretentiously butch or femme in your mannerisms ("human-acting"), and prefer "Female Trouble" to "Top Gun," Mahalia Jackson to Donna Summer, Frank O'Ghery to Michael Graves, xeriscape to football fields, and any ethnic dive to any steakhouse, then send a letter, resume, complete list of real estate and financial holdings, catalogue of your personal collection of 20th century art, 3 personal references, appropriate visuals and SASE to Boxholder, P.O. Box 4351, Long Beach 90804.

Buddy Wanted

Honest, sincere, real, not into playing games, clean & sober, seeks same. 36, 5'11", 170 lbs, masculine, moderately muscular, handsome, dark blond, blue, HIV pos. asymptomatic, wants buddy for friendship and fun. No heavy commitment, just quiet nights, movies, etc., real friendship, hot sex. You're gentle, versatile top, safe, kinda kinky. I'm same versatile bottom. Leather good, light bondage w/trust OK, toys fun. Letter & photo gets mine. Reply BT Box OC138, or call ★★1041.

A Natural High

Relationships are an opportunity to love oneself in the presence of others. I value my commitment to my own spiritual direction, my desire to be spontaneous, creative, successful and well. I wish to meet others who share similar desires. Those who value being vulnerable, tender, honest, trusting, sensual, passionate, erotic and joyful. I am a very handsome, masculine, sensual, blond hair, young 40 yr old GWM, 160 lbs, soft blue eyes and a sexy voice. I have a great sense of humor, love nature, Hawaii, reading, exercise, massage, eating well, no drugs or alcohol, cigs and am HIV neg. I want to meet secure, healthy, happy, funny, courageous men who share similar beliefs and aren't afraid of their own intense fears and desires—nor others. Photo and letter please. Reply BT Box OC139, or call ★★1042.

Make My Day

by telling me you're my kind of guy: hairy-chested, slim, witty, well-read, liberal, adventurous, and under 40. My description is the same, and I'll admit I'm most attracted to men sharing my physical and personal qualities. If you love talking about your aerobics workout, your previous lovers, your wardrobe, or your new disco album, please answer another ad. Reply BT Box OC140, or call ★★1043.

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Slap my ass thru my tightest 501s, paddle my bare buns framed in leather chaps, run your gloved fingers down the crack of my ass, play with my nipples, slap my cock and balls with my soft leather paddle... Attractive GWM with great firm ass, 43 (look much less), 5'9", 145 lbs. Please send note with phone. Photo optional. Reply BT Box OC141, or call ★★1044.

Wrestling Turns Me On

Are you intelligent, stable and appreciative of straining muscles and pro-style holds? I'd love to wrestle someone like myself who's a GWM between 24 and 31, under 170 lbs., I'm good-looking with a well-toned body and you should be too. Not looking for sex or commitment. Please send photo (returnable) and letter (with ideas of what you'd like to do), to Boxholder, P.O. Box 8829, Goleta 93118.

Imperfectionist

If I were taller, younger, gorgeous, rich, and had a big one, you wouldn't be reading this because I doubt I would be writing it. Who I am is an optimistic, moustached GWM, 43, 5'6", 130, HIV neg., with hairy legs, an inquisitive mind, and a good heart. I'm relatively attractive, passionate when inspired, visually oriented, exclusively oral, affectionate, romantic, sometimes painfully shy, a voracious reader, frustrated photographer, sometimes writer, and a loyal friend. You're probably bigger, 35-50, toned, masculine, sensual, joyful, healthy, sane, and maybe well-endowed. You're a guy who can teach me about camping (the kind with tents), who enjoys long walks along the shore, late night talks under the covers, good movies (even bad old ones), books, maybe theater, simple dinners, and honesty. You're clean and sober, happy with yourself; your needs are met but perhaps you want a buddy. You're not perfect but you're real and willing to send a long letter and returnable photo (I promise) to a complete stranger who might be worth your time, effort, and the postage. Reply BT Box OC142, or call ★★1045.

Plain and Simple

I'm looking for a "regular" guy who's uninterested in the bar/disco scene, who sincerely wants to develop a relationship of duration and who can communicate openly. My preference is for a masculine guy, perhaps athletic, around 30 yrs (I'm 30). I like a simple life, easygoing people, an active imagination and an optimistic viewpoint on life in general. Please, NO bullshitters, smokers or druggers!! I'm a nice guy, you should be too! Reply BT Box OC143, or call ★★1046.

Silver Fox Hunting Golden Bear

in South Bay. I'm 52, brown-silver/hazel-green, 5'8", 145, divorced, busy professional, physically active, nonsmoker, good cook (semi-veg), wide range of intellectual interests, skilled amateur in music, massage. Somewhat impatient with current California gay or straight norms, considering expatriation. You're 30s-50s, hirsute, honest, kind. We're both uncut, HIV neg; drink reasonably if at all; no drugs; appreciate difference (with a measure of humor), value experience in inner as well as outer life. This doesn't have to be a big deal. So, compact teddy or ample grizzly, check this out before those golden summer highlights fade—your fur, our friendship and complementary fantasies might fend off fall chills. Reply BT Box OC144, or call ★★1047.

Romantic and Affectionate

GAM seeks relationship-oriented WM for intimate times. I'm 41, medium height and weight, HIV negative, and a very passionate top. Looks or age are not as important as warmth and sincerity, but please be a nonsmoker, HIV negative, physically active and mentally alive. Photo and phone appreciated. Reply BT Box OC145, or call ★★1048.

Bearded, Wildly Affectionate WM...

who's 35, 5'10", 152 lbs, fairly hairy, moderately masculine, uninhibited and sensual, creative, fun free skpirited, healthy, clear-headed, earthy, spiritual and extremely musical, seeks same (25-45) for loving, committed and (preferably) open relationship. Interests: comedy, square-dancing, photography, hiking, clean living, honest communication and intimacy and a wide range of sex, music and film. Photo (or Xerox) appreciated. Reply Boxholder, 2261 Market St., #153, SF 94114, or call ★★1049.

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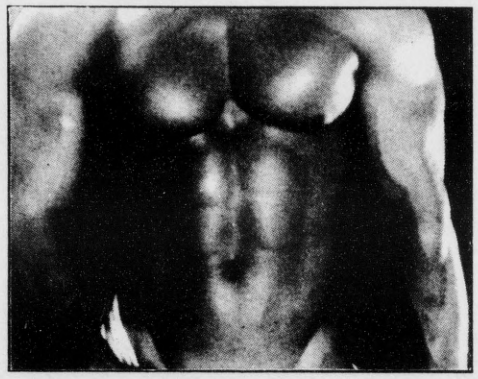
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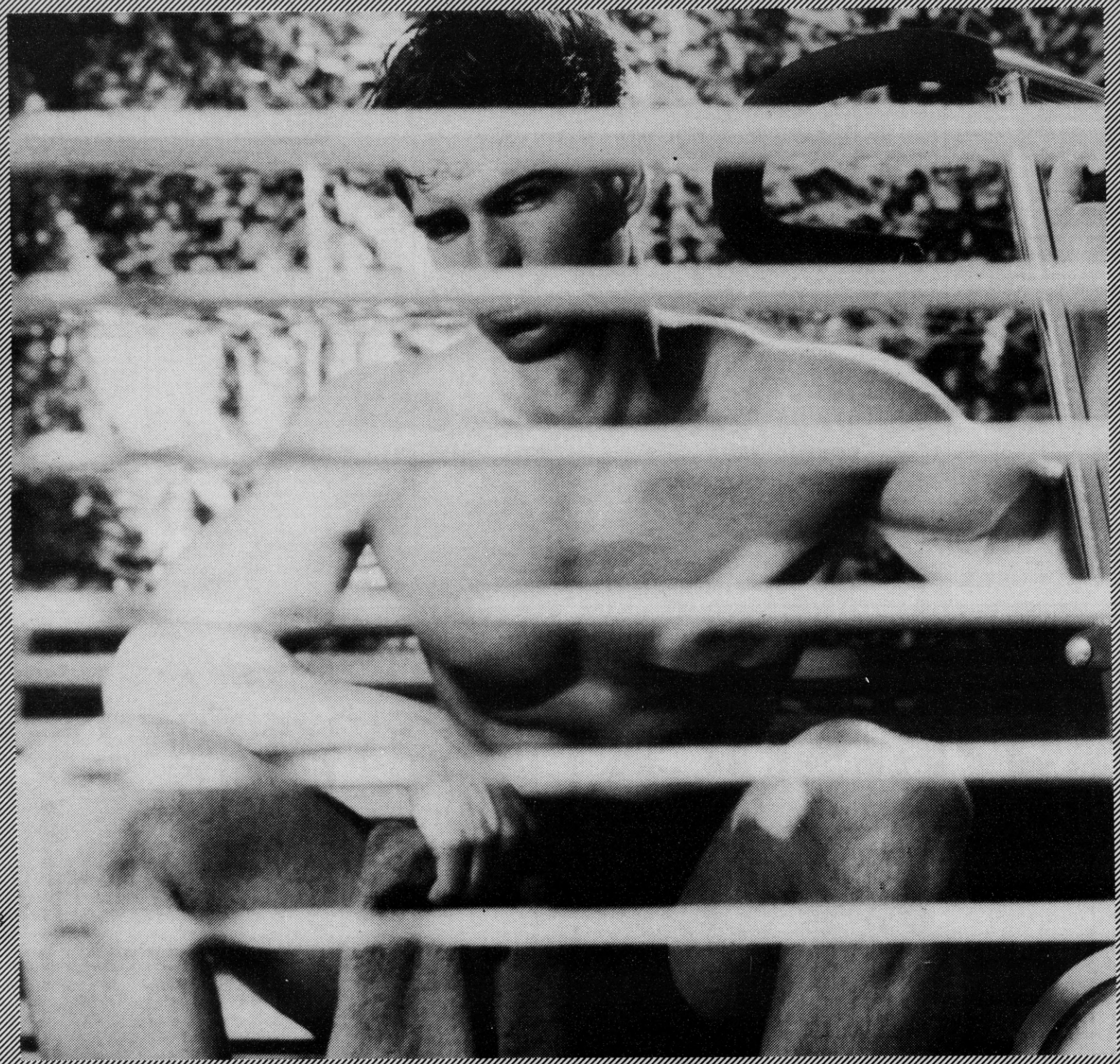
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Investigative Reporter

Thirty-something GWM, 5'11", 175, HIV neg., transplanted Easterner with fine mind, looks, heart, city-roamer and beachcomber, roses-for-no-special-reason romantic. Seeking scoop on twenty-something/thirty-something grownup, winsome and cuddlesome and wise, with an intriguing story to tell. Thoughtful replies with photo/phone, please. Reply BT Box OC147, or call ★★1100.

Just For You...

I will always be there. Now quit hiding. I'm looking for a man who is not afraid to take a chance, who in time is willing to make a commitment, who is aware of the effort it takes to make a relationship work, and be willing to make that effort. I'm a GWM, professional, goodlooking, 5'11", 170 lbs., hazel eyes, brown hair/mustache, early forties, HIV negative. You are between 30-50, honest, compassionate, and you know what you want. I enjoy travel, hiking, foreign films, the beach. I love Quebec, I'm a hardcore cuddler, and most of all, I love making someone happy. So, if you like any of the above, then please reply with letter and photo if available. Reply BT Box OC148.

Lonesome Football Coach

I turned off the game films this year so I can expand my social horizons. I know the difference between loneliness and horniness. I want to meet people who will remedy either. Naturally, I'd like to meet someone who could help in both areas. Me: GWM, 38, 5'11", 185 lbs, muscular, hairy, clean-cut, brown flat-top, greenish eyes, versatile, masculine, bright, gentle, romantic, clean and sober. You: GWM, 20-30, lean or muscular, clean-cut, versatile, smart, confident, mature, masculine, self-supporting. I could make this ad go on forever, but other people are lonely too and need the space. Interested? Reply BT Box OC149, or call ★★1060.

GWM plus GBM

equals fireworks. Goodlooking GWM, 5'10", 155 lbs, br/bl, age 44, HIV neg. interested in meeting GBM for dating. I'm stable, optimistic, adventuresome, also talented, well-travelled and educated. Would like to know similar GBM who is confident, outgoing and not afraid of sharing adventures together. SF only. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box 640696, SF 94164-0696, or call ★★1050.

Happiest With a Lover

In time we'll develop a deep and loving relationship; nurturing and exciting. Like me, you should be affectionate, intelligent, sincere, attractive, trim, health conscious, and have some interest in personal growth, art, nature, movies and working out. Very serious or very silly, we prefer a few close friends to bars or parties. I'm 36, 5'7", mostly a Top and ready for you. Reply BT Box OC150.

Or Are Ya Happy to See Me?

34, sensuous, silly, pensive, thoughtful, daily meditator, playful. loyal, direct, HIV pos., nonsmoker, nondrinker, sometimes shy, can be deadly serious, but mostly a barrel of laughs. I know who I am and have a quiet passion for life. Love weekends away, TV, massage, companionship, solitude, lounging at home, Sunday drives, hikes, cooking, exercise, etc. Spirituality and maintaining physical and mental health are most important to me. I'm looking for a meaningful relationship with someone with similar interests and values who is also his own person. Race unimportant—heart & action are. People who are slightly left of center get my vote. Reply BT Box OC151, or call ★★1051.

Attractive Asian Friend Desired

by tall, slender healthy, GWM, brown eyes/hair, nonsmoker, mid-forties. You must be slim and smooth, and like good music: classical, folk, jazz; hiking, old movies and lots of affection and closeness. Monogamous person preferred. Write with phone number to Boxholder, P.O. Box 1131, SF 94101.

Partner In Life

Athletic, muscular, GWM, 48, 6', 170, hairy chest, blue eyes, silver hair, wants to meet another masculine, athletic guy for an affectionate, monogamous relationship which supports our mutual growth. We're both HIV negative, enjoy regular physical exercise. (I work out or run nearly every day), hiking, travel, movies and exploring new restaurants. I also enjoy quiet activities including reading, meditation, yoga, and sharing time together at home. I'm friendly, fun and comfortable to be around with an open and communicative personality. I don't have a particular physical type as to race, height, or hair color but do appreciate a lean, or muscular build, a masculine manner, and a versatile, slow, sensual and safe sex approach to making love. If you're between 30 and 45 and ready to meet a man like me, reply to BT Box OC152, or call ★★1088 and I guarantee a quick response.

Let's Get Outta Here!

I've loved San Francisco as much as any man could ever love any place. It's still my "cool, gray city of love," and, yes, lovin' her was easier than anything I'll ever do again. But it's also become a place of drunks in doorways and despair and drag queens and dirt, and people I don't even want to meet making jabbering noises I won't even try to understand. I've given it my best shot lately, and I'm a strong man, but I've had it. Although I never thought this would happen, it's time to move on. I'm decades too young for this. There are books I haven't read and music I haven't learned to play. A strange set of circumstances gives me a very small but very dependable outside income. I'm decent to look at. Hell, I'm downright handsome. And I'm intelligent and sober, have a great sense of humor, am a good conversationalist and enjoy the effects of both physical and mental exercise. And, it's not as if I'll be leaving anyone behind. Not anymore. So where to, new friend? Russian River? San Diego? Milpitas? Got any ideas? Reply BT Box OC153.

Lean and Lusty

Handsome, 6'1", 170, dark blond, blue eyes, versatile Top/Bottom likes bodysurfing, C/W dancing, travel, theatre. Attracted to men who have a sense of humor, are in shape physically and emotionally able to express positive and negative feelings. I'm passionate, caring, HIV+. Photo appreciated, but not essential. Reply BT Box OC154, or call ★★1052.

Bondage Enthusiast

seeks harddick/titplay enthusiasts. Get tied up safely and consentually and then erotically stimulated/tortured to orgasm. I'm 40, bearded, balding, intense/gentle leatherbear. I want a play buddy, friendship, intimacy. Your headspace is your most important vital statistic. I also throw small parties for bondage couples. Want to create/share something of the old baths heat in bondage, and safesex, leathersex. Reply BT Box OC155.

What a Difference a Gay Makes

Heretofore exclusively "straight"; now I'm ready to realize my gayness. Never even kissed a man before (except in my dreams), but would be an eager learner with the right guy. Masculine WM, 37, 5'10", 150, brn/brn, balding, youthful, fit, intelligent, stable, non-yuppie, smoker, digs hardcore, rap, jazz, beaches, bicycles... Seeks similar for my first boyfriend. Reply Boxholder, P.O. Box



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Good-Looking Blond
Seeks another attractive, healthy guy to share great times together. I'm 32, 5'11", 160 lbs, swimmer's build—have a fun-loving, optimistic way. Like biking, the outdoors, cooking, the arts, and lots of snuggling, kissing and versatile safe play. You're probably in your 30's, handsome and fit, with similar attributes and interests and are looking for something on the long-term side. Please respond with letter and photo (returned), to Boxholder, 2215-R Market St., #287, SF 94114, or call ★★1054.

Kinky Party Guys
GWM, late 30's, 6', 180, muscular, clean-cut, seeks uninhibited versatile guy(s) who like to party and be up front about fantasies/turn-ons. Some of mine: dominance/submission, bondage, sleaze, humiliation, role-plays. Tell me about yours and let's get together. Now's your chance. Reply Boxholder, Station B, Box 2940, SF 94126.

Masculine and Affectionate
GWM, 50, bearish and sometimes Dad, 6', 195, moustache/beard, HIV neg., seeks stable, affectionate guy, any race, 18-40. Prefer nonsmoker. Reply Boxholder, 3145 Geary Blvd, #354, SF 94118.

Clean-Cut Kid, Dirty Dreams
GWM, 5'10", 44 feels about ten years younger and look it, very handsome, brown wavy hair, clean-shaven, semi-hairy, 150 lbs, swimmer, seeks soulmate for fun sex in a lover relationship. I'm recently HIV pos., asymptomatic, very healthy lifestyle (yoga, sitting in my hot tub keep me mellow, along with occasional joint.) Looking for a guy 30-40-something, my height, who's got a lot of sexual and social energy, a free-thinker and able to meet my intensity for living well. Most guys I meet are not as imaginative or independent as me. How about you? Sexually I'm versatile, FP and into romantic lust for the long term with my partner. I'm a great catch with the means and maturity to make it work. Go for it! Please reply with picture of your handsome self to BT Box OC156, or call ★★1061.

You and Me and a Puppet Show
For some time I've been helping my best friend die. He's gone now and I'm establishing a life and career of my own. Again I'm reconstructing an elaborate puppet show. I've actually made this thing fly more than once (Vegas, Tonight Show, Cruise Ships, etc.) but I've had to let the weeds grow lately. I'm not looking for a financial backer or a business partner, but a companion, friend, maybe even more. Being a dropout from the S.F. alcohol/cruising scene (after winning all required sexual performance awards), living in a tiny studio surrounded by my work, going out to Safeway and the gymnasium and deliberately doing the "starving artist" routine has a bohemian ring to it that I enjoy, but the loneliness is getting to my head. (I literally don't know anybody.) If you have interest in working out or long walks or stagecraft, it would give us something to share, but if not maybe I could grow by turning into whatever your trip is. If we got to be lovers it would be nice, but I won't push it nor should you. About the only "images" I won't deal with are morbidly obese or screamingly effeminate (I guess that eliminates the transvestite and "royalty" crowd. Good.) No age restrictions either way. I sure wouldn't mind if you happen to be criminally beautiful, but that's not a must since I'm not, although I'm more than O.K. looking and working toward quasi-hunkhood. Look, we're talking major adventure here. Gamble a stamp. You'll probably find out that I'm one of the nicest men you'll ever want to meet. Send letter, address, photo, card, any or all of above. Reply BT Box OC157.

I Know He's Out There
Tired of the game playing, having special someone not being interested, and who still believes in romance. Professional GWM, 29, from Walnut Creek, seeks another GWM to age 35 who is willing to begin as friends and if a relationship develops, work on building it. If you believe in communication, honesty and knows that a relationship takes hard work and doesn't just happen, write and tell me about yourself. Reply BT Box OC158, or call ★★1055.

One-At-A-Time Guy
Attractive fledgling filmmaker seeks boyfriend. I'm 6', 150 pounds, long blond hair, blue eyes, arty-looking—sometimes shy, mostly funny, irreverent. Hoping for passionate involvement with man with brains, looks, humor, values; who is romantic, smoker-friendly; enjoys films, conversation, occasional joint, lazy Sunday mornings. Dark/hairy look a turn-on, but a great personality is the *ultimate* aphrodisiac. Note and photo to BT Box OC159, or call ★★1056.

Hairy Chested Wife?
GWM—mid 50's—seeks a dependable, dominant husband for long-term monogamous mating. I'm medium height, 180 pounds, hirsute, balding, dark complected, and a nice guy. We are both considerate, intelligent, financially stable, HIV neg. In blissful domesticity I want to be your wife in bed and best friend all the time. Wide interests include cultural pursuits and the outdoors. Reply BT Box OC160.

Loving Big Teddy Bear
I'm 34, 6', 285 lbs, light brn hair, trim beard, blue eyes, football player build, warm, caring and sincere. Hobbies include cooking, travel, and collecting teddy bears. Do you like to cuddle, be loved, caressed and made to feel wanted? This man is bored with the bar scene and would like to settle down with the right man. Come on! Give it a try. Photo/phone gets mine. Reply BT Box OC161, or call ★★1057.

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How long will it take?

Most orders are filled within a week. If the difference between your postmark date and ours is more than 14 days, we will include an extra $5.00 credit voucher with your order, applicable to future ComQuest orders. All correspondence from ComQuest will be mailed in plain envelopes.

OK, I'll try it. What do I do?

This is the hard part. But it can be fun, too. The questionnaire is on the righthand side of this page. Refer to the instructions to the right to complete Steps 3, 4, and 5. It is very important to read them carefully. If you do not follow the instructions we cannot guarantee the results. If you need help, call 1-708-991-0693 (9-5 CST, M-F). For additional application forms call 1-800-633-6969 (24 hours).

Send the completed form with $20 ~~(for 5 matches) or $30~~ (for 10 matches) check, money order or credit card number to:

ComQuest, PO Box 1069, Palatine, IL 60078.

Questionnaire Instructions

Step 3 - Describe yourself by circling the word **me** beside each descriptive item which is a true description of yourself. You should circle at least one **me** under each category. Circle more than one **me** if appropriate.

Step 4 - Describe your ideal match by circling the word **veto**, **no**, **ok** or **yes** beside *each and every* item (including those by which you circled **me**) to indicate to what extent you would want that item to be true of your match. Circle *exactly one* of these responses per item, as described below:

Circle **yes** if you *want* that description to be true of your match. This is a vote *for* a trait—not a guarantee.

Circle **ok** if you *don't care* one way or the other. This is an *abstention*—no vote either way. Lines left blank are counted as **ok**.

Circle **no** if you *do not* want that description to be true of your match. This is a vote *against*—not a disqualification. Treat it as a "maybe."

Circle **veto** if you want *no matches* with anyone for whom that description is true, even if they have other desirable qualities. This is a *disqualification* and is not affected by category rank. Treat it as an absolute "no." We recommend that you circle between 10 and 20 **vetos** to restrict age, race, residence, and other important traits of your matches.

Note: The use of vetoes restricts the number of members qualified to meet you. You are guaranteed the number of matches you order, but if you use too many vetoes you may get fewer matches than you ordered initially, in which case you will receive credit for the remaining matches. You can use the credit to alter your questionnaire and/or reorder matches anytime.

Step 5 - Rank the categories. The questionnaire is divided into 16 categories. To insure that your responses on the less important items won't override those on the more important items, you must indicate which categories are important to you. Using the blank to the left of each category heading, **either** . . .

Rank each category from 1 to 16 in its order of importance to you, with 1 as the most important and 16 as the least, using each rank once, **or** . . .

Put a check mark beside the *five* most important category headings, leaving the rest blank.

Note: Your matches will be based mostly upon the more important categories, with the less important ones serving only as tie breakers. Noes and yeses have very little effect in the lower ranked or unchecked categories. Some of your matches may have traits by which you circled **no**. However, vetoes are exclusive regardless of category rank.

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ComQuest Application Form (see instructions to the left)

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Step 1 - Confidential Mailing Address - Please *print* your name and mailing address below. This is only for our use in mailing you your matches, and is kept confidential. (Correspondence is mailed discreetly in plain envelopes.)

Name _____

Addr _____

City _____ St ___ Zip _____

Phone (_____)_____ (optional)

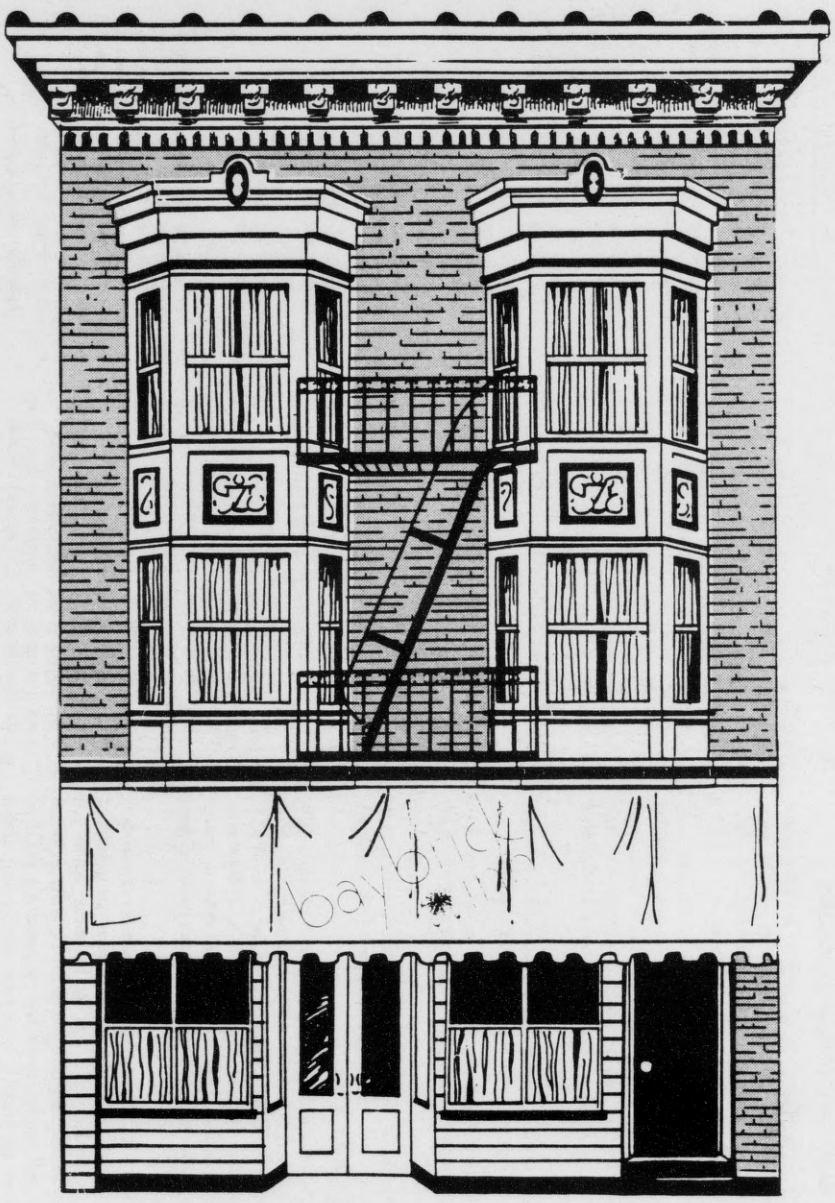
I hereby affirm that I am at least 18 years of age and that I will hold neither ComQuest nor its agents liable for the accuracy of information provided or the behavior or health of the people I meet as a result of its services. (Signature is *required.*)

Signed _____ Date _____

Step 2 - Contact Information - This is the only information we provide to others about you. Please *print* the contact information below which will enable new applicants who get matched to you to contact you. This *must* include at least your first name and either a mailing address or phone number. Use only the space provided. Use some of the space to briefly describe yourself and your interests. If you do not wish for others to contact you, or if you live outside the areas listed in the Residence category below, cross out this section.

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